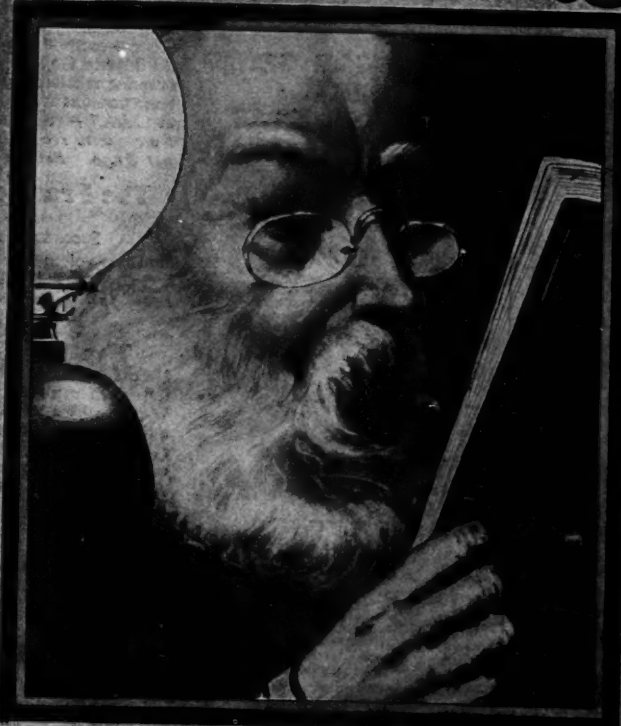


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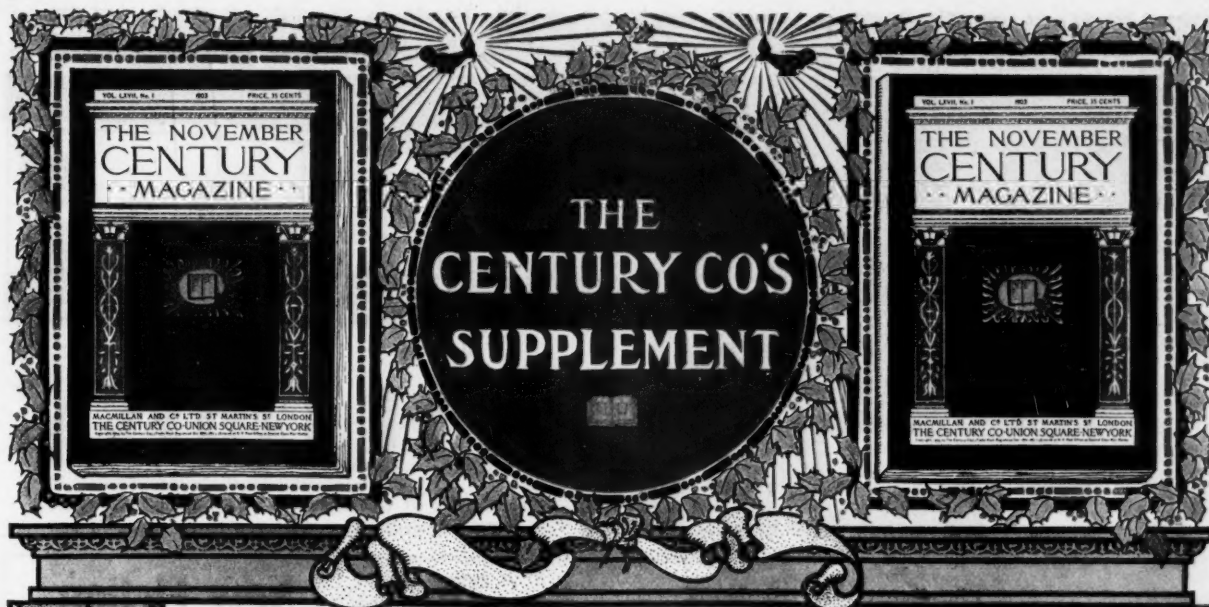
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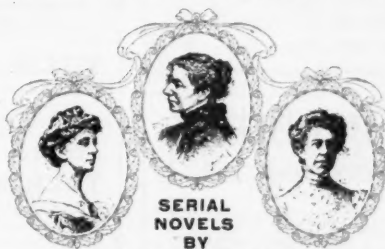
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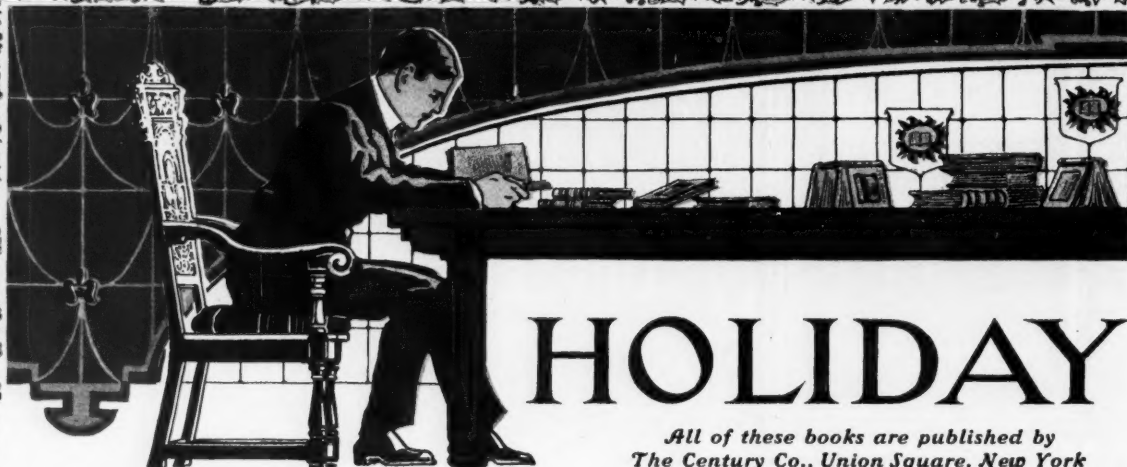
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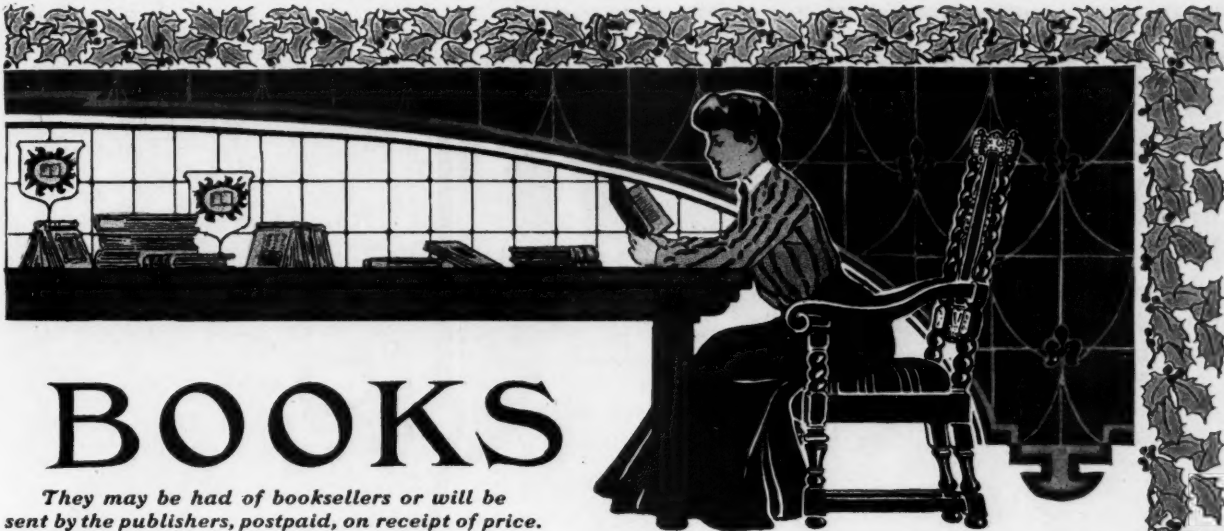
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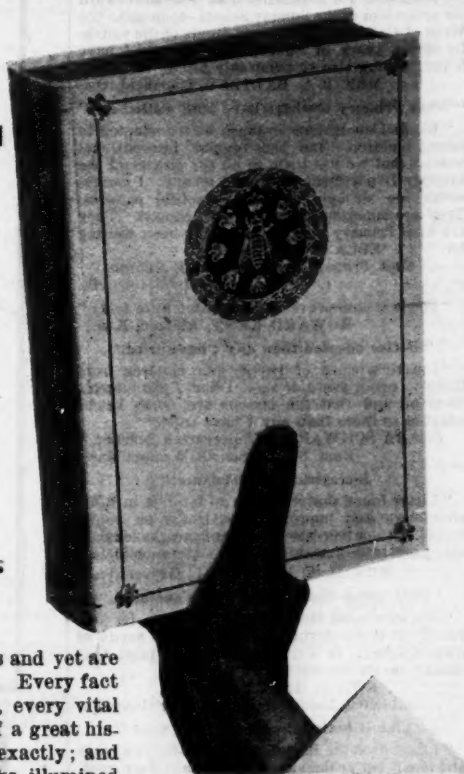
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WHEN the long period of Harvard's control by Unitarians is considered, with its comparative ignoring of the foreign missionary cause, few alterations in conditions at the great university across the Charles are more striking than those recorded on page 800 in the account of the new organization of the Harvard Mission which is to be shaped to a considerable degree in its larger policy by a member of the Prudential Committee of the American Board and by bishops of the Protestant Episcopal Church. Professor Moore—of Harvard and the A. B. C. F. M.—is to be congratulated on the service he has been able to render and will continue to render both the cause of missions and a university which was founded for Christ and the Church. With Yale enlisted for a special mission in China to be supported by Yale undergraduates and alumni, and with Harvard organized to place men strategically wherever they may be needed, the outlook is bright for better conditions in our academic life as lived in our oldest institutions of learning. For the example will be stimulating to the students of younger and less wealthy, but none the less responsible institutions. President Roosevelt's identification with the Harvard movement is especially significant.

A COMMISSION representing seven Presbyterian denominations met last week in Philadelphia, and adopted a plan of federation to be presented to the supreme judicatory bodies of these churches. It provides for a general council composed of four ministers and four laymen from each denomination and an additional minister and elder for every 200,000 members. This council will have no authority to alter the creed, forms of worship or government of the churches. It will aim to avoid unnecessary multiplication of churches in the same localities, to divide missionary fields so that each church may do its work unhampered by the rivalry of the others, and to promote economy and efficacy by co-operation of all these denominations at home and abroad. The plan of federation includes seventeen articles, which are not to be published till they have been agreed on by all the parties concerned. This movement is similar to that which is bringing Congregationalists, Methodist Protestants and United Brethren into formal partnership. There are great possibilities for good in it, one of the most obvious being the elimination of at least 100 of the 150 religious sects in this country. In this way, for example, the seventeen Methodist denominations might become one without making disturbing changes in their organization or administration. A representative council of all stated bodies could direct their co-operation to the greatest results, and could best judge how far steps could be taken toward complete organic union.

REV. WILLIAM J. DAWSON'S impressions of this country are most favorable. Since his visit in 1891 he finds a marvelous transformation for the better in the aspect of our cities; he sees that the American author has come to his own; that we have a periodical literature remarkable in its excellence; that our daily journalism is far less sensational than it is reported to be; that every one reads and has a genuine interest in literature, ordinary employees speaking like educated men, the common standard of behavior being higher than in any country he knows. He has been struck with the singular modesty of the heads of our great institutions of learning, the highest scholarship being united with a fine simplicity of manner. He does not find us as materialistic or commercialized as rumor has it we are. He finds this to be a land of boundless opportunities, lacking the depression of spirit so often found in older civilizations, a land where every man

is an optimist, because the onward sweep of progress is so evident and so exhilarating that any other temper is impossible. Charles Wagner, who sailed for home last week, says that the chief impression he has gained of us while here on his lecturing trip, is, that with all our bustle, we really live a simple life. He returns to Paris to build a new shelter for his congregation which will be called The Home of the Soul. Americans plan to aid him with generous gifts.

THE DECISION of the Post Office Department's legal advisers that newspapers which either promote or advertise prize guessing contests come under the ban of the law forbidding lotteries and aid to them by our postal service, will hit not a few of the leading dailies of the country and some religious weeklies. When newspapers take to increasing their circulation by such devices it is a sure sign that they are failing to hold their subscribers by their intrinsic worth. Moreover, they gain more financially than they spend in prizes; the odds are all with them. They seek something for nothing. The decision will be indorsed by the public, and by the best journalism of the country.

BISHOP WARREN of the Methodist Episcopal Church recently returned from a missionary tour of two years in the far East. He is one of the ablest and most experienced bishops of his Church and his testimony can be received without question. In the *Sunday School Times* he writes very encouragingly of the religious outlook in the Philippines, and with sympathetic appreciation of the possibilities of development of character of the natives. He found that preachers of the gospel could have all the attentive audiences they could address any day in the week. The Methodist Church has gathered 10,000 members and could have had as many more if it had had men enough in the field to train them. He sometimes preached three times a day through an interpreter, always to great audiences. He describes one meeting with 1,700 present in which, after his address had been interpreted into Spanish and Tagalog, brief testimonies were given for an hour and a half. Bishop Warren was surprised at the ability, generosity and high grade of the converts. One man had furnished a whole church edifice. Another had translated one hundred hymns into his native tongue. Their generosity also impressed him. "Not a dollar from the

homeland has been put into our dozen native churches," he says. These people already accept the main truth of Christianity—the atonement of the race by the death of Christ. When its free application to every soul is preached to them upon repentance, renunciation and faith in Christ, they receive the message joyfully. Dr. Warren believes that now, while the United States is attempting to give to the Filipinos all the advantages of wholesome laws, human rights and education which they can receive, is the opportune moment to give them the advantages of a religion which will make them temples fit for the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

ONE OF the ablest of the Filipino delegates in this country in the deputation brought over last summer at our Government's expense, when asked what impressed him most of all that he had seen or heard while in this country, said, "The lawful acceptance of the will of the majority by the defeated minority in your political contests." It was this truth reiterated that Secretary of War Taft drove home on the minds of the leading men of Panama last week, as he outlined to them the attitude of the United States toward the young republic. He tried to make them understand that the United States only asked for law and order, in its rôle of guardian and protector, and that the worst foes of the Republic were within it, namely, those men, who when defeated politically, at once conspired to revolt. "An alleged government," he said, "where the minority, upon a success by the majority, retires from the country in exile and awaits the result of the next successful revolution is no government at all, but tyranny." As the result of Secretary Taft's visit to Panama relations between the two republics are less strained.

GOVERNOR VARDAMAN'S latest insult to the President of the nation, expressed in a note replying to a courteous message from President Francis of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, has been repudiated by the citizens of Mississippi; and has shown conclusively that he is a vulgar demagogue. An elaborate interview with Hon. John Sharp Williams, Democratic leader on the floor of the House of Representatives in the last Congress, is valuable mainly because it discloses no breadth of view, or moderation of racial antipathy to the Negro. Summed up, his position is this, that the problem of the South is one of ethnology. Whereas, as a matter of fact, it is one of ethics. Those who would shape the political policy of the Democratic party in the South and see that wing of the party return to the conservative, Jeffersonian individualism and to opposition to extension of Federal power will find comfort in the striking address of Pres. Woodrow Wilson of Princeton University delivered before the Southern Society of New York last week. President Wilson is conservative by temperament. His rank as a historian and his peculiar position as a Southern-born man who has been honored and become influential in the North gives

his message weight. But it is doubtful whether he has sensed the future for his party or the section in which he was born. By far the most striking new contribution to the discussion of the race problem of the South is William Garrott Brown's article in the December *North American Review*, in which, reporting the results of a recent careful study of economic conditions in the South, he points out how the Negro is being supplanted steadily in the South by white labor, drawn either from the former much despised "poor white" class or from Europe. In short, according to Mr. Brown, who is the most competent and judicious young writer on history and social phenomena among Southerners, the Negro now faces intense rivalry in a realm where it has been supposed he would be exempt from it. If the facts be as Mr. Brown suggests, but one result will come, namely, the elimination of the Negro unless he is trained to compete with his white rival. Both the South and the North are under obligations to give him the education which will fit him to survive. Do they really wish him to? That is the fundamental problem lying in the shadow.

HOWEVER much certain classes of the community are feeling the pressure and pinch of altered economic conditions, it is not the season when farmers are complaining as a class. Crops are abundant, prices are high, demand is steady and insistent at home and abroad. Consider such statistics as Secretary of Agriculture Wilson put forth last week in his annual report. Excluding the farm products fed to live stock, the value of the agricultural output of the United States during the past year has been \$4,900,000,000, which is six times the capital stock of all national banks, is three times the gross earnings of the railroads during the same period and four times the value of the mineral wealth produced. The corn crop alone would more than pay the national debt. As a whole, the value of the product of the farms of 1904 is 31.28 per cent. above the product of 1899. Obviously, with such a record as to increase of values relative and absolute, the results must be seen in the increased bank deposits of agricultural states, and it is not surprising to be told that from June, 1896, to October, 1904, bank deposits of all kinds in Iowa have increased 164 per cent. and in Kansas 219 per cent. The practical question for administrative societies of the Christian denominations of this country which hitherto have drawn most of their supplies from the East and from residents of towns and cities or from communities dependent largely on manufacturing or trade for their wealth, is whether a rightful portion of this vast increase of wealth to the agriculturists of the Interior and West is to be consecrated to the support of churches, colleges, academies and those agents of Christian civilization on which the home missionary cause relies. Certainly no other section of the great middle class of the country has added to its reserve capital or annual income at such a rate as the farmers of the country during the past few years; and it would seem good policy for administrators of religious and philanthropic organizations to bear this fact in mind.

IT IS somewhat consoling to learn from Commissioner General Sargent's report that immigration has fallen off to the extent of 47,176 persons during the past year; that more than 47,000 foreigners were turned back for various reasons, 32,422 of them being paupers, and 5,529 because suffering from loathsome or dangerous contagious diseases. Of those admitted 168,000 could neither read nor write, and 501,000 brought less than \$50 each, the total amount brought in by the aliens being \$20,894,383. It is significant of much and sheds light on one of the causes of the burden of our taxation today, that twenty per cent. of the inmates of the penal and charitable institutions of New York State are aliens, twenty-four per cent. in Massachusetts and nineteen per cent. in Illinois. What Europe cares no longer to carry she puts on us. Commissioner Sargent indorses the contention which we ventured on last week, that much of our present trouble is due to the transportation companies who seek dividends and care not a whit for the physical or moral well-being of the nation. They both induce and seduce passengers who are unfit to come here. Mr. Sargent strongly urges such supplementary legislation as will commit the nation to measures which will break up the congestion of the emigrants who settle in our larger centers of population. Dispersion rather than segregation is the need of the hour.

TWOCROWDED meetings were held in King's Hall, Holborn, London, Nov. 15, the announced purpose being to condemn "recent declarations made by prominent preachers and teachers." So far as published reports of the meetings indicate, none of the persons condemned was named, and few of the declarations said to have been made by them were quoted. The target chiefly aimed at was called Higher Criticism which was referred to as "the modern Baal." But Sir Robert Anderson, the chief speaker at the evening session disavowed any intention of attacking Higher Criticism, saying that its leaders "would be the first to protest with us against the shocking and shameful statements that have led to the assembling of this meeting." Stirring speeches were made by Rev. Dinsdale Young and Rev. Thomas Spurgeon, who declaimed earnestly against skepticism, foginess and doubt. The audience honored the speakers, who are doing faithful and noble work in London in preaching the gospel, but seemed to be disappointed in the treatment of the theme. The *British Weekly* suggests that it was the lack of definite knowledge as to who or what was being condemned which chilled enthusiasm.

CONSIDER the fact that 3,500 clergymen and professors of divinity gathered in Edinburgh from all parts of Scotland recently deliberated on the crisis in the United Free Church, and reaffirmed collectively their determination to prosecute the work of the Church in all its departments whatever their financial burdens. Consider that an evening mass meeting the same day was attended

by 7,500 of the laity and clergy, at which fraternal messages from the Church of England, the Established Church of Scotland, and from Irish and Scotch Presbyterians were heard! Thus does the battle wage in Scotland over the House of Lords' unjust and cruel decision. Mark the significance of the manifesto issued by the United Free Church to the people of Scotland, in which it says:

We believe our fathers were led aright. They knew in themselves the prevailing grace of God, and we reverently receive at their hands what they have been taught. But we also believe that the Word of God is inexhaustible; we believe that the gift of Jesus Christ is more wonderful than any man has yet found words to utter; we dare not say that we have learned all, though we are well assured that what we have learned is true; and therefore we hold it to be our duty as scholars under Christ to learn what he teaches by his Spirit, and to make it known in such words as may make his meaning clear. This freedom to reconsider the language of the past is one part of the Church's constant obligation to listen to her Master's voice alone.

FOR THE seventh time Gen. Porfirio Diaz has been inaugurated president of the Republic of Mexico, a republic in name only. Of all Latin-American States Mexico has emerged farthest and attracted most the attention of Europe and the United States by its striking advance in certain forms of civilization during the past twenty years. Probably if we were nearer the scene we would be equally impressed with what has been done in Argentine Republic under forms more distinctly republican and with less display of autocracy and one-man power. General Diaz, in the very nature of things cannot hold office much longer, and then will come the test of the wisdom of his course. It will be seen whether he has best trained his fellow Mexicans to self-government in the future by his stern repression of all other wills than his own, or whether the gain after all has been chiefly material, fiscal, industrial, and the people still remain as helpless and given to factional disputes as they were formerly, and as Latin-Americans usually are.

IF THE Czar has recalled M. Witte to his side and is seeking advice from him in his present time of need, he has done well. M. Witte when at the helm never favored war with Japan or persecution of Finland. He stood for a policy of betterment of conditions in European Russia rather than extension of territorial area in Asia. He favored liberty of thought and speech. If now he comes to counsel with the Czar, it will be as a Liberal. Tolstoi has been interviewed as to the significance of the present crisis and the wisdom of the appeal to the Czar by the presidents and members of the zemstvos. He is not over-enthusiastic; in fact, quite hostile, and reveals himself as more of a radical and fanatic than we had supposed he was. "A whole loaf or none" is practically his position. Conversion and regeneration of all individuals before any reconstruction of the political fabric—that is substantially his program, which, of course, has not the shadow of a hint of practical statesmanship in it.

AS FOR the situation of the armies at the front, the plight of the Russian garrison at Port Arthur is more precarious than ever owing to the capture of 208 Meter Hill by the Japanese and its retention after an attempt of the Russians to recapture. From this point the Japanese claim to command the harbor and town, and the remaining uncaptured outer forts. Reports from both Tokyo and St. Petersburg point to a coming Russian capitulation. Fighting along the Sha-ho between the troops under General Kuropatkin and Marshal Oyama has been resumed, but only on a small scale. Latest newspapers from Japan tell of an astoundingly high rate of mortality in Russian ranks in the conflict between these armies which occurred early in October, as they first met at the Sha-ho when Kuropatkin started south. They also record a very natural and justifiable indignation due to the misrepresentations of Japan and her military methods which disgruntled foreign journalists are sending forth upon their return to Europe and America, and there is considerable feeling also over the aid the Russian Baltic fleet is getting en route East.

Preacher, Pastor, Scholar

Samuel E. Herrick, who died last Sunday evening, Dec. 4, was one of the most eminent in the long list of the Christian ministers of Boston. He was a spiritual descendant of Cotton, Hooker, the Mathers, and other princely and saintly men of following generations down to Edward N. Kirk, whose colleague and successor he was. Dr. Herrick was born on Long Island in 1841, graduated at Amherst College and Princeton Theological Seminary, and after a brief pastorate at Fishkill, N. Y., was settled over the Central Congregational Church, Chelsea, Mass., in 1864. Here he labored for seven years. When in 1871 the famous ministry of nearly thirty years of Dr. Kirk at Mount Vernon Church came to an end through his physical weakness and blindness, Dr. Herrick was called to take up his work. Though unlike in some respects to the man who had impressed himself on that large congregation, the friendship between the two was intimate and tender. The fervid appeals of the great evangelist were followed by the no less eloquent, and the scholarly sermons of Dr. Herrick, whose ministry retained the congregation and added to it many who found Mount Vernon Church a greatly valued church home as well as a strong influence for righteousness in the city and a powerful instrument in advancing the kingdom of Christ throughout the world.

Dr. Herrick was pre-eminently a scholar. He loved books, and made his study a cherished abode. It bore testimony to many intimate friendships with men of renown like Oliver Wendell Holmes and Phillips Brooks. He wrote books, such as *Christian Missions in the Middle Ages*, and *Some Heretics of Yesterday*, which had the wealth of thought of a richly stored mind and the charm of a style that is rarely surpassed. He was a preacher who kindled thought and aroused the sense of individual responsibility, while

he never sought to lord it over any man's conscience. Each one's individuality was sacred in his eyes. To enlighten the conscience of his hearer with a divine message, and never to weaken its authority, was his constant aim in preaching.

As a pastor he did not allow his scholarly tastes to interfere with his devotion to his people, whom he visited with a thoughtfulness and kindness which held their warm affection. The ties which bound him to them probably had much to do with his steadfast refusals to go elsewhere, for attractive invitations to pastorates of prominent churches in Chicago, Brooklyn, New Haven, Hartford and other cities were extended to him, not less than twenty in twenty-five years. He was also offered three college professorships, and was a frequent and always welcome preacher in college pulpits. But, determined to abide with his people, he maintained the strength and influence of Mount Vernon Church more than twenty years in Ashburton Place, while the tide of population constantly flowed away from it, and then led successfully the movement which resulted in building its new edifice at the corner of Massachusetts Avenue and Beacon Street.

About two years ago, feeling that the condition of his health required him to lay down the active oversight of his parish, he asked to be released, and the church relieved him from pulpit and pastoral service. However, he has frequently preached since then and done much pastoral work for a people most affectionately reluctant to surrender him to well earned rest. After long effort by himself and the church to find a pastor he was greatly gratified at the call extended to Rev. A. P. Fitch of Flushing and his acceptance to become associate pastor. Dr. Herrick was announced to preach last Sunday, but having contracted a cold, he invited Rev. Dr. J. L. Jenkins to take his place. He was, however, present at the morning service, and read Mr. Fitch's letter of acceptance. At the close of the service he met with a committee to arrange for Mr. Fitch's installation, Jan. 24. He became severely ill in the afternoon and early in the evening passed away. His wife and daughter were with him, and he was conscious nearly to the last. His sudden death breaks strong ties of friendship long cherished with the editors of *The Congregationalist* as with a large circle of ministers and of men in many callings who loved and honored him. Yet in their sorrow they are grateful that without a long period of suffering or waning powers, in the midst of his labors, he was translated from the places that he loved into the deathless life.

Massachusetts Congregationalists are fortunate in having Dr. Emrich as secretary of their Home Missionary Society. He is a bishop without ecclesiastical authority, but with rare wisdom of experience and whole-hearted devotion to all our churches. "The son of a poor German immigrant," as he sometimes describes himself, he knows how to say to the inquirer from every nation, "Ye are no more foreigners, but fellow-citizens with the saints and of the household of faith." His messages to the churches are no stereotyped sermon, but are fresh out of a warm heart, inspiring and informing. Those of us who heard him last Sunday at Leyden Church, Brookline, plead the cause of home missions caught a new enthusiasm, and went away

with an enlarged sense of responsibility, and from various parts of the state similar testimony comes to us. He is tireless in his labors, and is winning the active support of our churches in a campaign of church extension throughout the state which commends itself to all.

Next Year's Sunday Schools

Most Sunday school superintendents, it is assumed, take their task seriously. Next to the pastor the church entrusts to no one a more important office. The superintendent and his advisers to a large extent, determine how far the Word of God is to abide in the families of the congregation, in the church and in the community. They are the pastor's most effective adjutants, and their plans for the coming year will indicate the degree of spiritual prosperity which may be expected. In many communities where there are only mission Sunday schools or pastorless churches the superintendent is the one spiritual leader.

The first requisite in making plans for 1905 is to aim for some definite results, to set a goal which every one who enters the race for the year may reasonably expect to reach before the end of next December. If the Sunday school is a school then something must be learned in it, something worth the time and effort and cost expended. The learner must know and be able to exhibit what he has learned.

It is of course understood that the object always in view for those pupils who are not confessed disciples of Jesus Christ, is to bring them to the supreme decision to follow him. This ought to be kept before their minds. The purpose of the Sunday school for those who have made that decision is to lead them into fuller knowledge of God, closer fellowship with him in Christ, larger service through the guidance of the Holy Spirit. The Sunday school fails when these aims are forgotten or obscured. It would be well if all the rooms in which the Gospel of John is to be studied and taught for the next six months were to have conspicuously placed on them the words of John 20:31, "These are written, that ye may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye may have life through his name." These things that are written are to be studied with mental effort and orderly arrangement and definite progress in knowledge. If that test were applied to our Sunday schools by calling on the scholars to state what they have learned during this year now ending, it is more than probable that many schools would not be able to justify their existence.

Much that is counted as the life of sons of God is little more than sentiment resting on a hope or impelled upward by a fear. If it is not based on knowledge, it certainly is not vital. To those who believed on Christ, he said what he is saying now, "If ye abide in my word, then are ye truly my disciples: and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

Now, if pupils are to learn something and to make progress in knowledge, then when they have learned one set of facts or truths they must be brought forward to learn other truths. And usually the way to find out whether or not they are

ready to move forward is to have some sort of examination. The superintendent's first task for next year is to see that his school is organized with a definite purpose which is clearly set before the school. If that purpose is the study of the Gospel of John with the object in view declared in the words we have quoted from that book, then every member of the school should be summoned and inspired to see that its purpose is accomplished. To that end some sort of grading in every school would seem to be essential. Let the superintendent study that small volume, J. W. Axtell's Grading the Sunday School, consider its suggestions with his council and teachers, and we believe in most cases he will find it practical to arrange his classes in progressive order according to a definite plan, with confidence that definite attainments in knowledge will be gained by the school.

The selection of courses of lessons comes next in importance after putting the school in shape for study. That question deserves an article by itself. It will be considered in the next issue of *The Congregationalist*.

A Judgment Hymn

The Dies Irae

*Day of wrath! O day of mourning!
See fulfilled the prophets' warning,
Heaven and earth in ashes burning!*

*O what fear man's bosom rendeth,
When from heaven the Judge descendeth,
On whose sentence all dependeth.*

*Lo, the book, exactly worded,
Wherein all hath been recorded;
Thence shall judgment be awarded.*

*When the Judge His seat attaineth,
And each hidden deed arraigneth,
Nothing unavenged remaineth.*

*What shall I, frail man, be pleading,
Who for me be interceding,
When the just are mercy needing?*

*Think, kind Jesus, my salvation
Cost Thy wondrous Incarnation;
Leave me not to reprobation.*

*Faint and weary Thou has sought me,
On the cross of suffering bought me;
Shall such grace be vainly brought me?*

*Righteous Judge of retribution,
Grant Thy gift of absolution
Ere that reckoning day's conclusion.*

The author of the *Dies Irae* was Thomas of Celano, one of the companions of Francis of Assisi and one of the first members of the Franciscan brotherhood. We know neither the date of his birth nor death, but from 1221 to 1230 he propagated and organized the Franciscan movement in the Rhine country. We owe to him much of our material for the life of Francis.

The hymn voices the solemnity and terror which to the mediæval age hung about thoughts of the final judgment. Escape from hell to heaven was made the first duty of man and too often, the pictures and literature of the time being witness, was identified with the cloistered life. More than one picture of judgment shows the priests and monks in the boat of safety and the common people dragged down by fiends into the fiery flood.

A classic passage from a famous romance, Aucassin and Nicolette, illustrates

the feeling of the people: "For into Paradise go none but such people as I shall tell thee now: Thither go these same old priests, and halt old men and maimed, who all day and night cower continually before the altars—these be they that go into Paradise, with them have I naught to make. But into hell would I fain go; for into hell fare the goodly clerks and goodly knights that fall in tournaments and great wars, and stout men at arms and all men noble. With these would I liefly go."

There is little danger of this extreme of selfish terror now: there is greater peril that we shall cry, Peace! when there is no peace and ignore the certain condemnation which grows up out of the very nature of sin. We cannot forget the solemn teaching of Christ's own parables, the repeated call to repentance, the woes denounced upon refusal of God's grace. There is a judgment. "Each man's work shall be made manifest; for the day shall declare it." If we think first of the organic connection between life's sowing and its harvest, that is but to emphasize a figure which was often on the lips of Christ.

Our Handbook Topic for the Midweek Prayer Meeting, Dec. 11-17. Rom. 14: 1-12; Matt. 23: 31-46.

The Pathos of Religious Comedy

It is a common complaint against men of the world that they do not take ministers seriously. One reason for this is plain enough. It is that so many men who claim that preaching the gospel of Christ is their supreme interest express to the world their unqualified distrust of those with whom they are in outward fellowship who are engaged in the same business, living uprightly and professing to follow Jesus Christ. When Christians invite the world to come and listen while they deliver over to Satan their brethren professing the same faith with themselves and even in the same denomination, the world would be imbecile if it should regard serious warnings to it against the devices of Satan. A few years ago Sam Jones, a somewhat famous traveling evangelist, used to invite ministers to sit in the front seats at his meetings in Boston and then ask those outside of the churches to "come and hear me skin 'em." Many came and enjoyed the fun. Ministers who sat meekly and received the evangelist's tongue lashings apparently did not perceive the pathos of the comedy.

Scotland is witnessing and many of her churches are taking part in a burlesque that amuses the multitude for which these churches claim to have a message of the gravest importance. It must in justice be said that most of these churches are taking part in this travesty unwillingly and are keenly alive to its pathos. For thirty years two bodies of Presbyterians in Scotland, one the United and the other the Free Church, had discussed union. They were substantially agreed in doctrine, polity and spirit, and four years ago they united in one organization called the United Free Church by a vote of 634 to 27, all accredited representatives. Twenty-four of this minority persistently refused to approve of the union, and organized themselves as the original Free Church. They appealed to the law courts, claiming possession of the property of all these churches. Twice defeated in the

Scotch courts, they appealed to the British House of Lords, a committee of which by a majority vote last August gave a decision in their favor on grounds which seem absurd to most Americans who have studied the matter.

This handful of Scotch Highlanders immediately took steps to take possession of the property of over 1,100 churches with their theological schools and foreign mission stations in many lands. They did this, knowing themselves utterly incompetent to administer these great trusts and regardless of the inevitable destruction of institutions built up by many years of prayer and sacrifice, and of the great suffering they were bringing on many whom they had called their brethren. They have evicted the faculty and the 103 students of New College, Edinburgh, and have assumed to fill their places by six professors and eight students, five of whom were brought over from Ireland. The other two theological schools, at Glasgow and Aberdeen, soon to be vacated by compulsion, must remain empty. Such men as Principal Rainy, Drs. George Adam Smith, James Stalker and Marcus Dods are ousted from their positions, while these new teachers propose with eight students, and a prospect of graduating two each year, to supply the churches and mission fields with leaders.

Let it be remembered that this little minority of small churches, up to four years ago belonged with the same body which they now vehemently denounce, and in apparent harmony. It is this great body which the minority, the "Wee Frees" as they are called, exults in attempting to destroy. Their moderator, Rev. Murdo McQueen, in a public address recently declared that the United Free Church "is an institution that Satan has set up in Scotland to propagate deadly error and heresy, to mutilate and to sap and to undermine and to tear to tatters the Word of God and to murder immortal souls." This is a specimen representative utterance of a little company which assumes to displace a host of brethren with whom they have worked for a generation in proclaiming to the world the gospel of Jesus Christ. Is it to be expected that men of the world will take them seriously?

We Christians in America are not in a position to throw stones at Scotland. We have the elements of religious comedy among us, performers eager to take part and clamoring for an audience. A Congregational minister, for example, who regards Higher Criticism of the Bible as one of the chief sins of the age, has lately published an article affirming that "all the leading colleges of the East, and all our technical Congregational seminaries both East and West are in active sympathy with the principles and methods of Higher Criticism." "Whole associations are dominated by views which defy all the Protestant confessions." It does not seem to have occurred to this writer that such unanimity of hitherto accredited teachers could possibly suggest a guidance of the Holy Spirit or even make it worth while for him to examine the grounds on which they have reached their conclusions. Another minister, commenting with approval on the article from which we have quoted, charitably concludes that the best that can be said of

Congregational churches in the United States is that they are about equally divided between those who cling to the everlasting gospel of God's dear Son and those "who have betrayed their Lord and Saviour for far less than thirty pieces of silver."

Now these brethren, who continue to pull outwardly in harness with this great army of alleged Judas Iscariots, and who kick so viciously in the traces at those running beside them, invite men of the world to witness their performance, and then complain that as ministers of the gospel they are not taken seriously when they warn sinners who do not take places beside them as running mates.

The comedy is amusing enough. Perhaps it is not to be expected that the performers should discern the pathos of it.

In Brief

The vanishing sense of sin in this day and generation is said by "Mark Rutherford" in his new life of John Bunyan, to be the chief difference between this and Bunyan's age.

A butterfly was bought in New York recently for Lord Rothschild. The price was \$5,000. The butterfly was as rare as a Rothschild. Perhaps common things bring as much pleasure to common people.

There are some indications that Australia, under imperial pressure and owing to the alliance existing between Great Britain and Japan, is preparing to alter its attitude of exclusion of Asiatics and its strict immigration laws.

Who was responsible for the reconversion of Countess de Monastiers (née Miss Caldwell) to Protestantism? Rev. Dr. R. S. MacArthur intimates that Rev. James O'Connor, editor of *The Converted Catholic*, had something to do with it.

Children's Day collections for our Sunday School and Publishing Society this year amounted to nearly \$25,000. This sum is being transformed into Sunday schools, which become fountains of Christian life and love in hundreds of communities.

Stonewall Jackson Christian, grandson of Stonewall Jackson, the great Confederate leader who was a devout Christian, has been appointed by President Roosevelt a cadet at West Point. This old American stock is not going to seed.

Massachusetts' Supreme Court says that automobiles are carriages and obedient to laws governing carriages. Many of them are operated as if they were locomotives, "chartered libertines" of the highway before which vehicles of a simpler sort and pedestrians are as naught.

Rev. Dr. H. A. Stimson has an excellent article in the December *Atlantic*, on *The Millionaire's Peril*, in which he candidly and discriminatingly deals with some of the gravest perils of our national life today, especially with the baneful influence of unscrupulous wealth in corporate form.

A famous physician is quoted as saying, that one chief cause of ill health is constant thinking and talking about one's physical condition. A simple remedy would be to give to persons absorbed in study of their symptoms something more interesting to think and talk about. But that medicine often is difficult to find.

Our annual *Congregationalist Handbook* has become a necessity in many households and

churches throughout the land. The issue for 1905 is now ready. It contains prayer meeting topics, Bible readings, religious and denominational statistics and other valuable information which it is advantageous to have ready at hand.

The *Christian Register* (Unitarian), in all its long and influential history, never said a truer word than this: "When Unitarians claim as their own men and women who do not fairly belong to them, they incite a reaction, and the public begins to deny their right to put in their honor list even those who beyond a doubt do belong to them."

Several stock brokers have failed during the last few weeks. They were sending out daily letters advising customers to buy stocks while they were using the money sent to them to sell stocks they did not have, hoping to buy them later at lower prices. Yet plenty of men are ready still to risk what they have earned to gain something out of nothing.

Mr. Leishman, United States Minister to Turkey, arrived in New York last week, and went on to Washington to report to Secretary of State Hay. Whether he will return to his post or not seems to be an open question. Influential men interested in American educational and missionary institutions in Turkish dominions are more than willing that he should remain in his own land.

It is not always that the chance comes to help a splendid church and at the same time to provide one's self with beautiful Christmas decorations from the heart of the Southland. The Central Church in Atlanta, Ga., is this year, as heretofore, offering to supply greens to Northern churches, and to pass over moneys thus received to its building funds. For particulars, see our *Subscribers' Column*.

The *Examiner*, organ of the English Congregationalists, records its admiration for the "bold and believing spirit" with which we set out to solve our problems at our triennial council at Des Moines. "There is a note of reality and intelligent freedom from conventions," says the *Examiner*, "which is very refreshing after the somewhat stereotyped methods of our own religious assemblies."

A leading Methodist Episcopal church of Boston, anticipating the spring conference, has called to its pulpit the man of its choice. This is only a bolder revelation than usual of the custom which more and more is prevailing in the Methodist Episcopal denomination, by which, while the bishop nominally appoints the pastor, the congregation virtually decides who he will be. Thus does Congregationalism subdue Episcopacy to its ends.

Medical journals tell of as marked a decline in the number of men studying medicine in high-grade schools as there is of clergymen in the theological seminaries of the country—in fact a greater decline. It is due—according to the *Boston Medical and Surgical Journal*—to the abolition of inadequate, short-term courses, the raising of standards of admission and increase of cost of tuition; and it makes for the elevation of the medical profession at large.

In Great Queen Street Wesleyan Chapel, London, a visitor's book is kept, in which strangers attending service from a distance are invited to record their names and residences. The list represents almost every part of the world. Such a book in the Old South Church, Boston, in Plymouth Church, Brooklyn, the Tabernacle, New York, and in a number of other churches in great centers would in a few years become a valuable part of their history.

A new edition of *Hymns Ancient and Modern* has been issued in England for use

in the Anglican Church, and the committee of clergymen who edited it, among many other alterations, changed the opening stanza in Wesley's Christmas hymn, "Hark! the herald angels sing," into, "Hark! how all the welkin rings"; and now the indignant remonstrants are making the welkin ring so loudly that the committee doesn't need to hark in order to hear them.

American admirers and friends of the late Dr. Alexander Mackennal of Bowdon, Eng., who may happen to have letters which he wrote, are reminded that Rev. D. Macfayden, 35 Jackson's Lane, Highgate, N. London, has been asked to undertake a memoir of Dr. Mackennal. He would be grateful if letters referring to important ecclesiastical, literary or public questions, which they may happen to have, were loaned to him, either in the original or in copies.

The death of Rev. Drs. J. E. Rankin and E. P. Hooker on two successive days last week, both graduates of Middlebury College and Andover Seminary, both having been pastors of prominent churches and presidents of colleges, and both having passed the limit of threescore and ten, suggests the service which these institutions have rendered to religion and education. Their lists of graduates include a lengthy roll of men who have wrought long and nobly for the things of greatest value to the world.

Our congratulations to the *Christian Guardian* of Toronto, on its coming to its seventy-fifth birthday, vigorous, and hopeful as to the future. Of its eleven editors we think the greatest was Dr. E. H. Dewart, who for twenty-five years wrought mightily for Wesleyanism and for Christianity in the Dominion through the *Guardian's* columns. With Congregationalists, Wesleyans and Presbyterians in Canada drawing so near together and talking of unity, we naturally feel all the more deeply interested in the organ of Canadian Wesleyanism.

A lad of seventeen has become pastor of a church in Dulwich, a district of London, and is rapidly climbing the steps to fame. According to his own testimony his congregation consists largely of professional people. He accounts for his popularity by naively stating, "People say of me that I have the winsomeness of a Campbell, the mannerisms of a Campbell Morgan, the fire of a Parker and the fervor of a Spurgeon." There is another reason why he is gaining so much public notice, which he seems not yet to have discovered. His name, which is appropriate, is Thomas Riddle.

Rev. William A. Knight's charming little sketches which originally appeared in the columns of *The Congregationalist* are selling in book form all over the world. The Song of our Syrian Guest has sold up to about twenty thousand and *The Love-Watch* also in large editions. The latter was recently ordered under the title, "The Love Match," while the former was inquired for as "The Shepherd's Quest" and in another instance as "The Stygian Guest." These inquiries, however, are no worse than that of the customer who, wishing *The Choir Invisible*, asked for "The Choir Out of Sight."

Points Worth Noting in Church News

Ordination by association approved with imitation (As Viewed from the Capital, page 885).

A movement in the interest of fellowship, oversight and ministerial supply in Michigan; a model business men's Bible class (From the City of Straits, page 885).

Pencilings

BY A PERIPATETIC

My comments a few weeks ago on the irregularity and non-classical aspect of the physiognomy of the Bishop of Ripon, Dr. Boyd Carpenter, have led the *Christian World* of London to venture on the statement that "since Dr. Carpenter is generally regarded as the handsomest bishop on the bench, some of our other bishops may fairly dread facing description by the American reporter." If in very truth it is so that the Bishop of Ripon is the handsomest of Anglican bishops, what an improvement on the Anglican type of bishop the type of this country is, with Lawrence of Massachusetts as exemplar. Dr. Carpenter is fascinatingly homely, intellectually brilliant and sanely good, but he is not an Adonis nor an ecclesiastical milliner's model lay figure.

It is never too late to commend the excellent; and since this is a Book Number, let us think for a moment of an editor who by reason of his position and his ethical and literary ideals does much to shape our national intellectual life and literary standards. I refer to Bliss Perry of *The Atlantic*. He made by all odds the best speech at the recent Peace Congress banquet; best because most fervid in moral passion, best because expressed in most memorable form. There is an ascetic cast to his form and face, a tensivity of mien and word which indicates the man who is living on a high plane and living deeply. Mr. Perry's essay on Indifferentism in his latest book *The Amateur Spirit* reveals the social gardener busy inspecting the vineyard, and putting his finger on that rotten fruit of a very good vine—Toleration.

Since so much of the higher thought of Europe now is finding expression in the drama rather than in poetry or in fiction, it is becoming necessary to know it if one would understand what Europe is thinking—for good or for evil. The *renaissance* movement in Ireland today finds admirable expression in the plays of Yeats; and Boston and the students of Wellesley have been fortunate during the past fortnight in having an opportunity to see several of them well rendered. Mästerlinck and Hauptmann also have a new and illuminating interpreter in Marion Craig Wentworth, whose readings reveal the symbolism and mysticism of the one and the trenchant social analysis of the other. It is most suggestive this renewal of interest in the mystical and the symbolical among the *littérati* and artists of the Continent. Christian Benton in the current *Century* writes informally about it, as seen in Alfons Mucha and other Continental artists; and Mrs. Wentworth makes clear Mästerlinck's later turning toward a more spiritual interpretation of the universe and his emergence from the fatalism of his earlier days. On every side there is evidence that theoretical, philosophical materialism is waning; that in sheer reaction from the satiety of fleshliness and the carnal, and from keeping his eyes to the ground man once more is lifting his eyes to the skies. Considerable of this newer mysticism is thoroughly Pagan and Greek and lacks the Christian note. But the mood is wholesome and prophetic, and foretells the ultimate which Sabatier saw of "rational mysticism" as the religion of the future.

The best-beloved actress on the American stage, Mrs. George H. Gilbert, who died suddenly last week at the age of sixty, was a devout Christian, and whenever in Boston of recent years always worshiped at the Old South Church. Finishing her professional duties late Saturday night, she yet was up and about her business as a reverent worshiper the next morning, when many a person not so engaged the night before was pleading laziness as an excuse for absence from church.

Rev. Samuel E. Herrick, D. D.

BY REV. GEORGE A. GORTON, D. D.

[When Dr. Herrick nearly two years ago laid down the responsibilities of the active pastorate of Mount Vernon Church, we asked his longtime friend and ministerial neighbor, Rev. George A. Gordon, D. D., to express his own appreciation and that felt by others, of the long and fruitful pulpit and pastoral service of Dr. Herrick. Now that the latter has so suddenly gone from us we reprint a portion of Dr. Gordon's former article, which is as applicable to the completed life of Dr. Herrick as it was to him in the midst of his years of activity.—EDITORS.]

Dr. Herrick is a representative of the highest traditions of the New England preacher. He knows the ecclesiastical order to which he belongs; he reveres its Puritan inheritance; he has an intimate knowledge of the great men that adorn its history, and probably in the library of no one among us is there so rich a collection of the memorials of the heroic age of New England. Dr. Herrick is a scholar, a thinker, a teacher of the ideas upon which religious feeling and action are dependent, a builder of character. The sense of history is in all his characteristic sermons; the spirit of a man who has lived in the greater thoughts and sympathies of his kind; the insight of the prophet; the rich treasure of the devoted student; the vision of Christ and his eternal gospel, the tender humanity that is at once atmosphere and color, and warmth and charm.

The saying that is accepted as an almost universally valid utterance, that any rich infusion of the Latin tongue into our English speech degrades that speech, finds its complete refutation in the pulpit style of Dr. Herrick. More than any other conspicuous preacher of our time Dr. Herrick's style is influenced by the Latin language, and no intelligent person can listen to him without admiring the exactness and the imaginative glow that fill all his characteristic sentences; the union in them of definite statement and picturesqueness; the combined appeal to the understanding and the visual powers; a style whose body is light and whose soul is an image; a mode of speech elaborate and yet simple, living to serve and yet with distinction in every word.

In an age of transition from dependence upon the letter to confidence in the Holy Spirit, a ministry like that of Dr. Herrick is a priceless influence. His hearers have known no break with the past; they have stood in no dread of the future; the inheritance of faith has been under the divine law of development, and the path of the just, which is as the shining light that shineth more and more unto the perfect day, has become for his people the symbol for the whole movement of the kingdom of God in this world. The old has grown into the new, the new has rooted itself in the old, stood up and began its own life in the strength of the old, and in this normal Christian faith happy parenthood and happy childhood have blended in one prophetic experience.

Even the "five points of Calvinism" have lived in the ministry of Dr. Herrick, not indeed after the flesh, but after the spirit. The heavenly Father is the sovereign of the universe and of mankind, his decree is the hope of the race, the thing to be trusted in man is the image of God and not the image of the brute, the ground of peace between God and man is laid once for all in the eternal love revealed in the perfect sacrificial life and death of Jesus Christ, the resistless might of the Holy Spirit's persuasions are the trade winds in which we sail, and the perseverance of the saints has broadened into the expectation that the sinners will sometime cease from their perseverance. Thus a faith broader, deeper, richer, and with the notes of permanence ringing in it, has come to the church which has been guided from 1871 to 1903 by this wise and able minister.

A Story Writer on
Story Making

Subjects Fit for Fiction

By Owen Wister

The Broad Field Before
the True Artist



In 1889, but for the last ten years and more has devoted much time to literary work. His most notable production has been *The Virginian*, that charming story of frontier life, the hero of which stands out as one of the few distinctive creations of recent American fiction. Mr. Wister is a frequent contributor of verse and short stories to the magazines. He leads a very industrious life in his pleasant home on one of Philadelphia's older residential streets.—EDITORS.]

All subjects are fit for fiction. Let me begin with this statement of opinion long formed, a statement with which many people are likely to disagree; and then let me, if I am able to do so, persuade you that the opinion is right, by showing you the reasons which support it, and the conditions under which I believe it to be unassailable.

Next me at dinner once a lady sat to whom I had just been presented, and who (I must think) had forgotten, or was unaware, that there is a time for all things. Her first remark had been something pleasant and usual about I don't remember what, but very likely it was about the weather; and from this she came with a single stride to, "What is your opinion of Goethe?"

And, as I found myself wholly unable to utter even any beginning of an answer to this extremely large and sudden question, she cut it down to, "What do you think of Faust?"

The question was, you will admit, still quite large for a dinner party which had got no further than the soup; but I now succeeded, in some sort of fashion, in meeting it. I was saying it's of no importance what, but something to the effect that I supposed Faust ranked very high among the great dramas of the world; that I supposed nothing since Shakespeare—when the lady cut in again, "I consider it a very unfortunate choice of subject."

The expression of her face and the tone of her voice made it quite clear to me that by the term "unfortunate" she meant much more; that, in a word, she condemned Goethe for writing Faust, because it told the story of the betrayal of a young girl.

My reply to this is unimportant; I merely got away from Goethe and Faust, and all discussion upon them, as quickly and as smoothly as I could; for here was a good lady with high and sound standards of conduct and likely to be both kind and competent in the various emergencies that daily life might bring her. Why trouble my mind (I couldn't possibly have troubled hers in its heavenly cer-

tainty) with telling her that the civilized world has accepted Faust for reasons which her brain was not of the sort to value or to comprehend?

Let us leave the lady for a little while; Goethe did not write for her, or for the many thousands of similar men and women, whose lives are honest and useful, and (in their inevitable sphere) not at all hampered by the fact that their intelligence is equipped neither by nature nor education to understand great literature. It is only when they step out of their inevitable sphere and attempt (for example) to pass judgment upon Faust, that they become ridiculous; and then we must try to lead them to those grounds where they truly belong, and where they can speak on subjects that will call forth the real good that is in them.

So now let us suppose that you had a friend who was eager to write stories, or plays, or anything which is covered by the larger meaning of the word "fiction," and that this friend came to you and asked what you thought of the following story which he purposed to write:

After several years of married life, with children born to them, a husband and wife discover that they are mother and son. Horrified by this discovery, the woman kills herself, and the man puts his eyes out.

What you would say to a friend who submitted this plot to you is, of course, something that I have no means of knowing; but I myself should do my best to dissuade him from such an undertaking; I should beg him to choose something less shocking and more probable; I should be almost sure to caution him: "Whatever the public will have to say about the unsavoriness of your theme, they are pretty sure to tell you that they don't believe a mother and son could go on living in ignorance of their relationship, even granting that they could start with it; and they will not like or sympathize with a man who marries a woman that must be at least fifteen years older than himself."

These are some of the things I should be almost sure to say to a friend who asked me what I thought of his writing such a story.

We will now suppose that in consequence of the emphatic disapproval his plan received, he offered another plot:

A wife, knowing her husband's brother has murdered him, marries the murderer. This her son discovers, but is unequal to the situation, and suspected of knowing the truth by the murderer, who plots his destruction also. The young man is finally killed, but not until his mother has swallowed accidentally the poison intended for him and he has stabbed his murderous uncle to death.

Would you receive this plot any better than the first one? I shouldn't. I should find the same objections to it—too much horror, too much crime—why tell us such dark things when you have the whole world to choose from? That is what I

should say to the wretched and aspiring writer; I should remind him that the earth is full of sunshine all about us, and that quantities of people live and die, if not happily, at least without being poisoned or stabbed.

"Very well!" we will suppose him to exclaim in rueful acceptance of our advice. "Here, then, is another idea which I'm certain you will find entirely unobjectionable." And he would produce his third idea thus:

A shipwrecked sailor, by using the resources about him, manages to exist for many years until relief comes and he sails home.

Somewhat bald— isn't it—this theme? Personally, I should despair of developing it into a book of several hundred pages and holding with it the permanent attention of readers in many languages.

"But Robinson Crusoe," you may possibly reply, "is a great deal more than that."

Your reply, in that case, my dear reader, would be too hasty. That brief statement about the shipwrecked sailor is the whole theme of DeFoe's great book, whose power lies entirely in its detail. The author was able to imagine the daily life of his hero so vividly that we ourselves are transported to the desert island, and live the life ourselves as we read. Another author might easily have made a dismal failure of such an undertaking: it needed the right man to do it.

And next for the second subject, the one about the murderous uncle and his nephew. There, once more, it is the detail, the filling out, the treatment, which lifts all these sins and stabbings so high above their mere material violence, that we have Hamlet as the result. Again, it needed the right man to do it.

Finally, in the story about the husband and wife who found they were mother and son, we have the great Greek tragedy, whose name I need not tell you, famous as it is still, after twenty-four hundred years. And once again, it needed Sophocles, the right man, to do it.

The three examples that I have given you of what I think most people at first sight would condemn as undesirable plots for a work of the imagination, are enough to demonstrate the point that I desire to make. But, lest any reader be inclined to suppose that I have chosen rare exceptions in literature, I will remind you of a few more famous works.

There is the Hippolytus of Euripides, and the Phœdre of Racine; there is Othello. Think how terrible and unpromising Othello becomes when we reduce it to a simple statement of its plot: a black man marries a white woman, against whose virtue his enemy poisons his mind until he smothers her to death, and, on learning of her innocence, stabs himself. There is King Lear, more awful still, containing, besides most of the crimes known to the world, a representation of insanity. There are Measure for Measure and Troilus and Cressida, of

whose plots I cannot speak plainly here, because they are too coarse for our modern conventions. Yet both these plays are masterpieces for which our language and the world are richer. I have now named you signal instances from four languages of works which the sustained judgment of mankind has pronounced of the highest genius, and all of them founded upon plots and dealings with subjects that, when briefly stated, are repellant and shocking.

To take a modern instance, how promising or how new does the plot of Anna Karenina seem when stated in its simplest terms? A wife is unfaithful to her husband, who accepts the situation; but this situation finally drives her beneath the wheels of a train. In Tolstoi's hands this becomes one of the greatest novels ever written—at least, such is the judgment of most people.

And now I believe that it can scarcely be contested that it is not the subject, but the man who deals with it, that is of importance. What sort of Hamlet do you think you or I could have written from those bloody and abominable facts?

Therefore, I repeat what I began with, that any subject is fit for fiction, but I add the necessary condition, *provided the right man deals with it*. And this leads to the final remarks I venture to make on this question.

Life is full of comfortable things and things uncomfortable. Virtue is now rewarded and now trampled under. Vice is now punished and now triumphant. Love leads to marriages both happy and disastrous. Illicit love ends sometimes in ruin and sometimes in mutual delight. Thieves go to prison and also live highly honored in palaces. Once again, life is full of what (as we foolishly say) "ought to be" and "ought not to be." If we had confined the poets and novelists to telling us only of things that according to our judgment "ought to be," a great deal more than half the great masterpieces of the world would not exist; and the triumphant survival of such tragedies as Oedipus and Hamlet proves that the sustained judgment of mankind will accept any subject whatever if the writer deals with it adequately.

Now it so happens that any whippersnapper can write acceptably of comfortable things. Our whole literary American world is full of whippersnappers writing acceptably of comfortable things—things which "end right," which reward virtue and punish vice, which, in a word, present a sadly small fragment of life. This happens because the lady who thinks Faust an "unfortunate" choice of subject lives in America in large numbers. Therefore, for her sake and because although her approval does not mean fame it does mean dollars, we have the whippersnappers writing comfortable things.

But to write acceptably of uncomfortable things needs a man, and a man is rare. Not often does a Hawthorne or a Scott come with The Scarlet Letter or The Heart of Midlothian. And when he does, the Faust ladies may be displeased, but the true audience that knows a man from a whippersnapper rises and applauds.

What, then, must be the only intelligent conclusion? Assuredly, most of us prefer "comfortable" stories; nay, more,

we turn from "uncomfortable" stories, unless they conquer us by their art and their power. Should some young friend come to us with an "uncomfortable" plot, let us not forbid him, but rather say something of this sort: "My dear young fellow, you have chosen a very

painful theme, and you will write it at your peril; but he who risks nothing wins nothing. Go on, therefore, and write your story as best you know how, for until we see what you can do, how are we to judge whether you be a man or a whippersnapper?"

The Professor's Chair

By Henry Churchill King, President Oberlin College

This department is confined to questions of the ethical and religious life, and of philosophical and theological thinking. In the necessary choice among the questions submitted, the interests of the largest number of readers are had in mind. Questions may be sent to Dr. King, care of The Congregationalist, or directly to Oberlin, O.

102. Is there any recent Bible Dictionary published besides Hastings's and if so, what? I have Hastings's, but it is so vitiated by the Higher Criticism that the Old Testament articles are rather worse than worthless. If there is another on different lines, of any real value, I want it.—F. H. B. (British Columbia.)

There is no recent Bible Dictionary of anything like the same importance, that I know of, that has been published along more conservative lines than Hastings's. The last edition of Smith's Bible Dictionary probably remains the best work of that kind for those who desire a conservative treatment of Old Testament articles. There might be mentioned besides, the one-volume Dictionary of the Bible, edited by Dr. Davis of Princeton and published by the Presbyterian Board, and a two-volume Popular and Critical Bible Encyclopedia and Scripture Dictionary, published by the Howard Severance Company of Chicago. I perhaps do not need to say that I do not take the same view of the Hastings's Dictionary as the questioner.

103. On page 84 in his Modern Criticism and the Preaching of the Old Testament George Adam Smith says: "But it would be equally impossible to prove the historical reality of the series of curious marvels attributed to Elisha from the sources outside the annals of the kings of Israel. These, however, are practically of no importance to the Christian preacher." Is this last true? If one does not feel certain that these alleged events ever took place, what is the honest and proper method a man should use in teaching persons whose faith would probably be much disturbed if they were to discover that their pastor entertained any such questions?—W. F. (Wisconsin.)

Another inquirer adds in the same line:

Should children be taught these miracles? If so, how?—S. W. (Wisconsin.)

(1) In the first place, I think it should be made clear that we are not to take an *a priori* position for or against the miraculous occurrences recorded in the Scriptures. (2) In the second place, we are to remember that the question of miracles is always a question of fact, and that the miracles of the Bible certainly cannot fairly be regarded as all on a level in the matter of historical evidence; and we are to be willing to weigh the evidence with open mind. That is what Dr. Smith has tried to do in his treatment of the marvels attributed to Elisha. (3) But even in the Old Testament it should be noted that the miraculous occurrences are commonly connected with what may well be regarded as marked crises in the history of Israel; and this consideration may well have some weight with us in indicating that many of these occurrences are at least not simply isolated marvels. (4) At the same time it is important, both for the Christian preacher and for the Christian layman, to remember that the miraculous accounts of the Old Testament are by no means connected in the same vital way with Chris-

tianity, as are those of the New Testament referred directly to Christ.

I should say that Dr. Smith's treatment was essentially correct. And I think that it is quite proper, and in the end best, where the question of these miracles is directly raised, to deal with the matter in a perfectly honest and straightforward way, though it may not always be best to press the question with others who have not themselves raised it. In any case, we are to emphasize the positive spiritual teaching, the ethical and religious evidence of the revelation of God through Israel. The great miracle, after all, lies in this, rather than in any accompanying marvels.

With reference to children as with adults, it seems to me that the only wise and safe policy is the policy of thorough honesty. It is sometimes said that it is certainly "safe" to teach children the conventional view; but I think that we can be very certain that in moral and spiritual teaching it is never safe to teach what we do not ourselves believe. We are, of course, to take all care to put the matter constructively and helpfully, but we are not to teach views that we ourselves believe to be false. That at least is never safe. I have so much confidence, myself, in the general reasonableness of children, that I should not hesitate to try to state to them, in a simple way, the conclusions that seemed to my best judgment most certain.

104. What do you think that Jesus teaches as to non-resistance in law-suits and in self-defense, for example?—F. C. C. (Michigan.)

Jesus' fundamental and all-inclusive principle is love. He consequently urges the love even of our enemies, and that we are to overcome evil with good. We cannot take his special illustrations out of connection with his fundamental principles—that God is Father, and that men are brothers. With reference to non-resistance, therefore, I should say that Jesus' teaching, while it absolutely forbids simple retaliation, is to be taken as a positive principle, not a mere negative rule. That, in the second place, it looks to an inner spirit, not a mere outward action. And, in the third place, it must be taken as an illustration simply of his fundamental principle that we are to do always and only what love requires—a love that is so like God's as to be deeply marked by reverence for the person of the other. There is no merely negative and external interpretation of the teaching concerning non-resistance that will not be found to run counter, finally, to the fundamental principle of love. But the spirit of retaliation is absolutely forbidden, and Jesus urges instead of it the positive spirit of willingness to do for another out of love far more even than the other, out of hate, would require. This seems to me to be the true interpretation of Matt. 5: 39-42, *e. g.*; and it goes far deeper than any external rule of non-resistance.

The death of Dr. J. J. S. Perowne, formerly Bishop of Worcester, removes from the Church of England a competent scholar and a pioneer in Old Testament exegesis. He was large and broad enough to refuse to hold that the validity of the Christian ministry rests on Episcopal ordination.

The Home and Its Outlook

The Ultimate Love

BY MARION PELTON GUILD

That gentle lady whose tempestuous throne
Was Dante's heart, inspired her poet's quest;
Sent down her laureled messenger, to arrest
His unaccompanied feet, to wanderings prone,
And guide them where the abysses of horror
gloom.

Yea, on to Purgatory's fire-washed crest,
Where with most stern yet merciful behest
She waited him, and Eden's morn outshone.
'Twas she who led him still from shining sphere
To sphere more glorious, till at last they came
To that great, final splendor of God's face:
Then Beatrice soft withdrew. All fear,
All hope, all joy concentrated in that flame,
And God alone filled all his being's space.

A Champion of Woman



At our request, Col. Thomas Wentworth Higginson, the well-known Cambridge man of letters, has written for this number a supplement to his famous paper, first published in *The Atlantic Monthly* of

February, 1859—Ought Women to Learn the Alphabet? From those days of early manhood until now, in the eighty second year of his age, Colonel Higginson has ever been a warm champion of woman, by word and pen. He has always stood for her rights as a human being, arguing that she is an individual before and after being a wife and mother. This *Atlantic* paper appeared when the "Woman Question" was a burning one, and is his most historic utterance on the subject, calling forth, at the time, a storm of discussion and exerting a wide influence. It is said that the perusal of this essay led Miss Sophia Smith to found the woman's college at Northampton. Years afterward it was published in book form, together with a later series of papers entitled, *Common Sense about Women*.

We of this generation can hardly realize the change in public sentiment concerning "woman's sphere," as it used to be called. It is interesting to turn back to Colonel Higginson's words written less than fifty years ago. He pleads for woman's equality with man, and says if she has not proved it, it is because she has not been given equal training and opportunity. Popular opinion then was that it was unladylike to be intellectual. He demolishes the prejudice in these words:

"Most persons . . . have so little faith in the distinctions which nature has established that they think if you teach the alphabet or anything else indiscriminately to both sexes you annul all difference between them. The common reasoning is thus: 'Boys and girls are acknowledged to be very unlike. Now, boys study Greek and algebra, medicine and book-keeping. Therefore, girls should not.' As if one should say: 'Boys and girls are very unlike. Now boys eat beef and potatoes. Therefore, girls should not.'"

The public sentiment of the day is again accurately reflected in this vigorous bit of questioning: "What rational

woman can be really convinced by the nonsense which is talked in ordinary society around her—as, that it is right to admit girls to common schools and equally right to exclude them from colleges; that it is proper for a woman to sing in public, but indelicate for her to speak in public; that a post office box is an unexceptionable place to drop a bit of paper into, but a ballot box terribly dangerous?"

Colonel Higginson rightly gauged the importance of his prophetic statement: "Ought women to learn the alphabet? There the whole question lies. Concede this little fulcrum and Archimedeas will remove the world before she has done with it: it becomes merely a question of time. Resistance must be made here or nowhere. Woman must be a subject or an equal; there is no middle ground." What prejudices have been overcome, what strides of progress made his article this week reveals to us. No need now of his former arrows of logic and sarcasm. We require only a statement of the facts as he has known them in the last half century to justify his position.

Pruning and Grafting

BY GRACE DUFFIELD GOODWIN

"She is the easiest child in the world to manage," said the mother contentedly. "She never makes any trouble, and never seems to want to do anything contrary to my wishes."

The other mother sighed a little enviously. She kept silence, because her little girl was the Bad Little Girl, and everybody knew it, just as everybody knew that the little girl who never made any trouble was the Good Little Girl. The mothers of Bad Little Girls are much given to silence and deep thinking. The morning's occurrence was nothing unusual, and its ending was quite commonplace. One little girl, all fresh and tidy, sat eating an apple; the other little girl, all tattered and torn, was sitting alone in her room. That was the ending. The occurrence itself was an outburst of anger from one child, and tears from the other.

As the two mothers sat sewing in silence, the little old lady in the corner drew up her chair, and putting out her gentle, withered hands compelled the work to cease. "May I talk to you?" she began. "I'm a maiden grandmother. You have heard of maiden aunts and their wonderful theories about children? Well, I am older than that, and I've watched so much that I feel like the mother of the mothers. My theories are for them—not for the children. I'm ever so much sorrier for you than for these two little girls."

A sympathetic squeeze of the hand went straight to two mothers' hearts, and the little old lady, sure of sympathy, went right on talking, and looked far out over the water as she spoke.

"It's pruning and grafting—that's all. Some must do one, some the other. Here is a tree, good soil, strong roots, plenty of sun and rain—then what happens? It runs into small, unnecessary branches,

into thick over-abundant foliage. It doesn't know how to save its sap for fruit; it's a live, pushing thing, overflowing to the tip of the leaves with power and vitality. Cut off here—O yes, it hurts; trim back there—that is only wounded pride that bleeds so—that will heal. You can't have that splendid tree wasting its vigor on leaf and branch when it ought to mean a double harvest of fruit.

"You are afraid; you are too short-sighted, you dear mother of the Bad Little Girl. Can't you see that all this aggressiveness is only too much leaf? It ought to mean leadership some day. This impertinence is sometimes only an untrained sense of justice, or an undeveloped sense of humor—even, it may be, the beginnings of wit. Can you not look at it closely, find what it sprang from, and cut it back—not for scars, but for fruit?"

"Here is anger; that means a sensitive, nervous organization; but without that same highly organized nature where will be found enthusiasm and imagination? A child that can be angry can be taught self-control, and then those forces will run into strength—and beauty."

"You must prune; if your tree is strong you must recognize its strength; if your child has a rich nature, you may feel that the naughtinesses are but power gone astray. Have the seeing eye, the understanding heart. (O, dear little old lady, did you see that mother's eyes overflow in repentance and self-reproach? But you were looking out across the water.) Only the seeing eye, the understanding heart, will discern what power is hidden beneath the evil seeming; only such eyes and such a heart can make the worthless worthy."

That mother slipped away to find and help a bad little girl. But the maiden grandmother's gentle hand still held the other mother, and she too, listened and learned.

"Yours is a harder task, my dear, for yours is the grafting. You must not cut off; you must bind on. Here is a good tree that bears a little simple fruit and you must make it bear rich fruit in profusion. You are content now because your child is gentle and easy to manage, because she never takes the initiative, never wants to domineer, has no desire to "show off." It is comfortable, no doubt, but where is the promise of mature power?"

You must find those purposes which will blend with her nature, and you must hold her to them. Can you not graft responsibility upon her modest, self-effacement, and active generosity upon her passive unselfishness? You cannot change her sweet nature; you would not if you could, but think of the many ways in which it may be enriched! Pruning and grafting, pruning and grafting—that is the secret of it all!"

There was a moment's silence. The little maiden grandmother rose quietly, and added in a voice that trembled slightly: "It is a great responsibility, and mine are only theories. When I was young the Lord did not see fit to trust me with the soul of a little child; but now I am old, and have watched and learned, perhaps he will let me help you."

What Women Have Done with the Alphabet

By Thomas Wentworth Higginson

I can remember, fifty years ago, a time when a certain building in Boston was regarded with some suspicion and disapprobation solely on the ground that in one office in an upper story a young woman of prepossessing appearance was seen coming and going. The few observers, who had perhaps begun to get the knowledge of the world in French novels, shook their heads with unanimity when the fact was mentioned. Business, they held, was man's world, not woman's.

The building has long since gone, having been replaced by a palace of business offices above, and basement shops below; and these may differ in everything else, but agree almost without exception in having a woman as apparent occupant. The butcher's shop in the basement has as its central ornament a pair of glazed closets, each with a wall of glass; one of these rooms being devoted to the display of attractive groups of oriental fruit, while the other incloses two or more human maidens as if representing a higher harvest, and yet these are hard at work with pens upon their business accounts.

He who passes to the upper stories of the building will notice, wherever the door of an office is left open, some similar bookkeeper or attendant taken from the sex whose single representative in that region formerly called forth looks of surprise and disapproval. First you perhaps pass a tailor's shop, then an artist's studio, then a physician's office: a woman seeming in each case to be regarded as essential. There is no suspicion, no surprise, no scandal; it is simply that women now take their share where in former years they did not. In the same way, if you look in at a printing office, you see women employed; they take their share in telegraphing and in fact in almost every practical pursuit.

It happened to me some years ago, just before addressing an audience on woman's suffrage, to step into a barber's shop and to my great surprise find a woman all ready to shave me. She belonged to a German family, it appeared, who had done that work in Germany. About the same time, I had work done in my house by two paper hangers, a man and his wife between forty and fifty years old, whose children were now grown up and married and who pursued that trade together. They were a very happy couple to contemplate. It was pleasant to see them working, cutting, pasting and hanging; their life seemed a prolonged industrial picnic.

Many of these changes have followed from the rapid spread of women's clubs. The province of these societies is manifold: to afford headquarters for social intercourse; to discuss and improve the condition of women and children; to advocate civil service reform; and especially to promote the cause of education in its many branches, not only locally, but in distant states where schools and teachers are needed, and where books are scarce, for it is now generally accepted that educational progress must underlie all other reforms. In the sanitary condition of

cities, especially western cities, the introduction of more parks and playgrounds and of better schools, organizations like the Woman's Improvement League have done a vast deal of good. These women are drawn together from all parts of the country, find scope for their executive abilities and a chance to learn business methods in managing meetings and affairs.

A branch of women's clubs not heralded in the newspapers, but doing its beneficent work in silence, is the working-girls' club, growing out of the college settlement work. Some of our English friends are disposed to question the usefulness of the college settlement in this country, but the movement was started here fifteen years ago (in New York and Chicago) only five years after it began in London. In 1900 over one hundred settlements in the United States were officially reported, and the head workers of more than half these settlements were women. An interesting account of some of the more prominent of these useful women is given in *The Outlook* of Oct. 1. By making their homes among the poorer classes, learning and interpreting their needs and desires to the more fortunate portion of the community, they burst the bounds of narrow, perhaps sordid, lives and let in the light and air of heaven.

One of the best outcomes of women's clubs is the providing, in many towns, of district nurses, and in some instances founding a district nurses' association. An interesting sign of the times is the change in the vocation of nursing, which has grown within a comparatively short period to the dignity of a profession.

Many of us remember with gratitude the best type of the old-fashioned nurse, who earned perhaps four or five dollars per week and bore more than her share of all the household burdens. In her place we behold the modern trained nurse in her dainty white cap and enveloping apron, receiving from three to five dollars per day, her sphere confined to the sick room, but equal to any emergency there. She has been called the "latest product in the evolution of social science." Half a century ago the world was thrilled by the spectacle of Florence Nightingale diffusing sunshine and balm through the English army hospitals in the Crimean War, and so loved by the wounded and fever-stricken soldiers that they kissed her shadow as she passed. Now, wherever the barbarity of war lingers, the trained nurse is found, as well as in all the city hospitals in time of peace.

It is obviously a mere step from the function of trained nurse to the training and title of physician. In the long contest between warring doctors as to whether women should be admitted to the Massachusetts Medical Society, Dr. Wyman of Cambridge argued that if women were fit to be nurses, they were also fit to be physicians. The first woman of whom we find record who obtained her degree at a medical college, in Geneva, in New York was socially and professionally ostracized and, as it was impossible

for her to rent respectable rooms, she was forced to buy a house. This was in 1848.

About twelve years after, when Lady Amberley visited this country she was, like her mother Lady Stanley of Alderley, deeply interested in the medical training of women. Her hostess in Philadelphia demurred about inviting women physicians to meet her because they were considered a class of rather doubtful standing, but finally had a separate reception for them.

In 1880 there were 2,432 women physicians and surgeons in the United States, and in 1890 over 4,500, while the number of women dentists increased between 1880 and 1890 from 61 to 3,370. In 1898, a woman doctor from Massachusetts was accepted to hospital service in New York State and in the same year one was chosen in Indiana to the same service, as physician and surgeon, over several male applicants. It was also in 1898 that the first woman doctor in Abyssinia was appointed physician to the emperor's household; and that two women were offered, in Australia, positions as ship surgeons. In the Spanish War, in the same year, a woman was placed, for the first time, on the staff of army surgeons. The selling of drugs and the preparation of prescriptions is still largely done by men; but in 1883 the first degree in pharmacy in the United States was given to a woman; and in my own city a well-known drug shop, sanctioned by leading physicians, is popularly known as "Carrie's."

There is not time, in this brief paper, to enumerate the new fields in which women now successfully labor, such as architecture, landscape gardening, book-binding, library work. There are women bank cashiers and women opticians; they have taken positions as town clerks, state dairy commissioner and state superintendent of instruction in Colorado. The West is more generous in offering openings to women than the conservative East. In 1897 a woman journalist was appointed harbor mistress at Tacoma, Wn., and kept all the shipping records of the city. The number of women journalists between 1880 and 1890 was almost quadrupled; inventors increased in these ten years from 56 to 337; bookkeepers and accountants from 2,365 to 27,772; and telegraph and telephone operators from 1,278 to 9,000. The first woman of whom we have record as war correspondent procured a pass early in the Spanish War. A Paris daily paper, *La Fronde*, established in 1898, was wholly conducted by women: printer's devils, pressman, machinists, compositors, lithographers were all girls.

Postmistresses date back, in this country, to 1773; lawyers and preachers are of more recent date. The first woman who passed the State law examination in 1886, and who applied to the Supreme Court for admission to the bar was refused on the ground that there was "no precedent." In 1898 the attempt of Mlle. Jeanne Chauvier, who had distinguished herself in scholarship and taken three degrees, to secure admission to the Paris

Bar, created a sensation throughout France. Her application was rejected by the Court of Appeals.

In spite of all the other avenues now open to women, school teaching would still seem to be their favorite pursuit. The standing of the teacher today is infinitely higher than formerly; for teaching is a profession, not a makeshift. A growing number of teachers is graduated from the various colleges open to women, none of which existed fifty years ago save Oberlin College, founded in 1833. President Thomas of Bryn Mawr, in her recent address before the General Federation of Women's Clubs in St. Louis says that in the United States women now form one-third of all American college students, and that the number of women students relatively to men is increasing every year, while "women are studying in most of the universities of Europe." Our college girls do not, as a rule, come from the leisured class, but are sent to college to prepare for self-support—and Miss Thomas predicts that unless the richer classes send more of their daughters to college, the leadership of all things affecting their sex in the twentieth century will pass into the hands of these college-bred women.

The great majority of American teachers are women, and their influence does not end with the pupils, but is felt in their homes and in the community where the teacher is a recognized authority. The industrial branches of the modern school are especially valuable in this respect. This was brought forcibly home to me in my visits to Southern schools last spring, where I saw the daughters of the poor and ignorant, whose homes were lacking in all the refinements of culture, learning useful arts: to cook and to sew, to make their own gowns and hats (and very tasteful they often were) and to make and keep their surroundings neat and attractive. The uplifting influence of these schools and their high-minded and self-devoted teachers is widespread, and is felt by the men of the pupils' families as well as by the women.

How large a proportion of such leadership is destined to take the form of complete suffrage for women still remains

uncertain. Beginning with Kentucky in 1838, school suffrage, complete or limited, has been given to women in eighteen separate states of the union and equal or partial suffrage to twenty-six. Equal suffrage has been given in Wyoming (1890), Colorado (1893), Utah (1896), Idaho (1896). It has undoubtedly furnished the cause of disappointment to advocates of woman's suffrage that this final culmination of the movement has not come more rapidly; and it is fortunately, for itself, a movement whose advocates rarely falter and are seldom seriously discouraged. Those, however, who remember the in-

human skill. In any show of books, especially, the St. Louis Exposition, although its shelves may exhibit only one American woman of the intellectual caliber of Margaret Fuller Ossoli, may justly call it an achievement to exhibit two writers of fiction so rich in thought and finished in execution as Mary Wilkins Freeman and Sarah Orne Jewett, together with two poets so high in claims of genius as Emily Dickinson and Helen Jackson. In the presence of these there is no room for serious question as to what American women have done with the alphabet.



The latest portraits of Kate Douglas Wiggin and her sister, Nora Archibald Smith (Mrs. Wiggin seated). From a photograph taken in Edinburgh. Courtesy of Houghton, Mifflin & Co.

terest with which the women's department was received at the World's Fair in Chicago, in 1893 and the vast farther expansion brought by a little more than ten years at St. Louis can well afford to be patient.

The utmost that was achieved at Chicago was the separate record of human progress in the single building erected by the women; a vastly greater triumph is now shown at St. Louis, not by the farther growth but by the disappearance of the separate department, and the transfer of all its contents to the general collection. There has been no attempt, in short, to have a display of feminine achievement as distinct from all others, but sex is eliminated in the general exhibition of

Sparks

A BRILLIANT PROPHECY

(Kansas City Journal)

Long after the last human being has been kicked off the face of the earth by the tentative, prehensile flipper of a Missouri mule that stanch animal will roam and bray through the hills and continue to command the top of the market.

THE LABOR VOTE A MAKE-WEIGHT

(Springfield Republican)

The American people are not going to sleep over the aggressions of syndicated capital, and the labor interest as a factor in politics is not forever to be quieted by tariff benefits whose distribution depends upon the good will of the employer. The meaning is that, in the rapid growth of wealth concentration and monopoly control, a great body of radical sentiment is developing among the people favorable to the employment of extreme measures of correction; and those candidates in the states who stood in a character especially calculated to appeal to such sentiment are the ones and about the only ones who were able to stand against the current which seemed to be sweeping away all opposition to the established order.

ALWAYS UPWARD

(The Westminster)

Dr. Washington Gladden of Columbus, O., minister, Congregationalist, world citizen (known wherever the English language is spoken), writer of noble literature, poet, orator, reformer, philanthropist and friend, steps down from the office which he has so graced, the presidency of the American Missionary Association, because of the duties imposed upon him by the moderatorship of the Congregational National Council. We said stepped down. We were wrong. Dr. Gladden never took a step down in his life. Onward and upward has ever been his motto.

—Vanity, Flattery and Deceit are the three disgraces.—Horace Greeley.

The Literature of the Day

Italian Country Life

From the days of the Roman wealth and luxury, Italy has been a land of great country houses as well as of famous cities. Mrs. Wharton, ably supplemented by Mr. Maxfield Parrish, has sought to convey to us something of the charm and the variety of charm in these great villas, some of them clustering about the city walls, others in the mountains or on the lakes of the north.

The gardens are of special interest. Many of them are in the formal style of the ancient days, a style which has few representatives in America. The book stands, therefore, for a unique quality of picturesqueness which is not likely to be reproduced and is with difficulty retained in our changing modern time. It has a permanent value as the record of art-creating beauty, and will take rank with the most elaborate and successful illustrated books of the season.

[Italian Villas and Their Gardens, by Edith Wharton, pp. 270. Century Co.]

Illustrated Holiday Books

Mr. MacKaye has already proved his acquaintance with the spirit and material of Chaucer's poem by his play, *The Canterbury Pilgrims*. In his rendering of large selections from the Prologue and the Tales into English prose of a modern type, yet with much and appropriate remainders of archaic color, he has done an admirable piece of work which should introduce many readers to the poem. The pictures in color by Walter Appleton Clark are of unusual beauty.

Mrs. A. Murray Smith is the author of two previous works upon Westminster Abbey and evidently loves her theme. In this charming book she leads an imaginary party round the old building. Her descriptions include pleasant anecdotes and bits of characterization

as well as much clearly-stated historical information. Mr. Fulleylove's twenty-one full-page illustrations are soft and harmonious in coloring and are successfully reproduced. Each is faced by a concise, detailed description of the shrine or chapel or other subject pictured. The print is large and clear and the volume is of light weight, in delightful contrast to many of the holiday editions.

Mr. Charles Dana Gibson's humorous and satirical picture studies of human nature are better than ever this year. The large size of the plates gives fine opportunity to bring out his types and point his morals. There is unusual variety of subject, no one motive running through the pages. Nothing compares with this in its peculiar field.

Cape Cod Folks is Sarah P. McLean Greene's most famous book. Its photo-

graphic accuracy of description in one of the most interesting regions of New England has been certified to by libel suits of the characters pictured. This is a beautiful edition, illustrated by a good portrait of the author taken at the time the book was written and by many photographs of scenery and character in the region which the book describes.

The take-off on Omar in Mr. Oliver Herford's, *The Rubaiyat of a Persian Kitten*, is capital, but clever as the verses are, the beauty and humor of the pictures is still more notable. Mr. Herford's Kitten in her moods and changes is delightful and the rendering in blue and gray pleasing in a high degree. The little book takes high rank among the artistic productions of the season.

[The Canterbury Tales of Geoffrey Chaucer, by Percy MacKaye, pp. 235. Fox, Duffield & Co., New York, \$2.50 net.]

Westminster Abbey, painted by John Fulleylove, R. L., described by Mrs. A. Murray Smith, pp. 147. Macmillan Co.

Everyday People, by Charles Dana Gibson, Chas. Scribner's Sons, \$4.20 net.

Cape Cod Folks, by Sarah P. McLean Greene, pp. 337. De Wolfe, Fiske & Co. \$2.00.

The Rubaiyat of a Persian Kitten, by Oliver Herford, Chas. Scribner's Sons, \$1.00 net.]

The Luxury of Children

Mr. Martin's papers have the ease and charm of the best essay-writing, with a grip upon a question of vital present interest which makes timely reading. His thesis is that of all the luxuries which the world permits us to allow ourselves, the luxury of having and companioning and educating children is best worth seeking. This he puts amusingly and convincingly, turning the thought of it round and round for study from different sides and enlivening his pages with a keen and delicate sense of humor. If there is a spice of satire, the main element of thought is a sound sense and a wise conception of the true meaning and real proportions of our life.

Miss Stilwell has done her part in plates and color



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From Italian Villas and Their Gardens

THE DOME OF ST. PETER'S FROM THE VATICAN GARDENS

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decorations with a keen sense of the picturesque possibilities of the life of children. Her little folks at their various occupations are delightfully natural. The papers have already had a wide reading and deserve to be enjoyed and heeded by a wider circle still. In so pleasing a book, it must have been an oversight which could let such a sentence pass as this: "Conversely, we would seem entitled to think rather small potatoes of married people who, with children to help them, don't manage to live harmoniously."

[*The Luxury of Children and Some Other Luxuries*, by Edward Sandford Martin. pp. 214. Harper & Bros. \$1.75 net.]

Men and Women of France

To call M. Sainte-Beuve the greatest of French critics is not far from setting him at the head of all recent criticism, which he, more than any other, perhaps, raised to the dignity of an independent place as literature of permanent charm and value. The aim of these two volumes is to present to English readers some of his more striking estimates of men and women who were famous in the



RUTH MCENERY STUART
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history of literature and politics in the so-called classic age of French history. Certain passages are omitted, where the material was not of a sort to interest the reader who is unfamiliar with French literary history, and certain other papers are the results of a combination and consolidation of two or more essays on the same or related subjects—a method which seems to us to have been a mistake. Those who really care for Sainte-Beuve will hardly be content, however, to read him only here and for the rest the editor's dovetailings scarcely show.

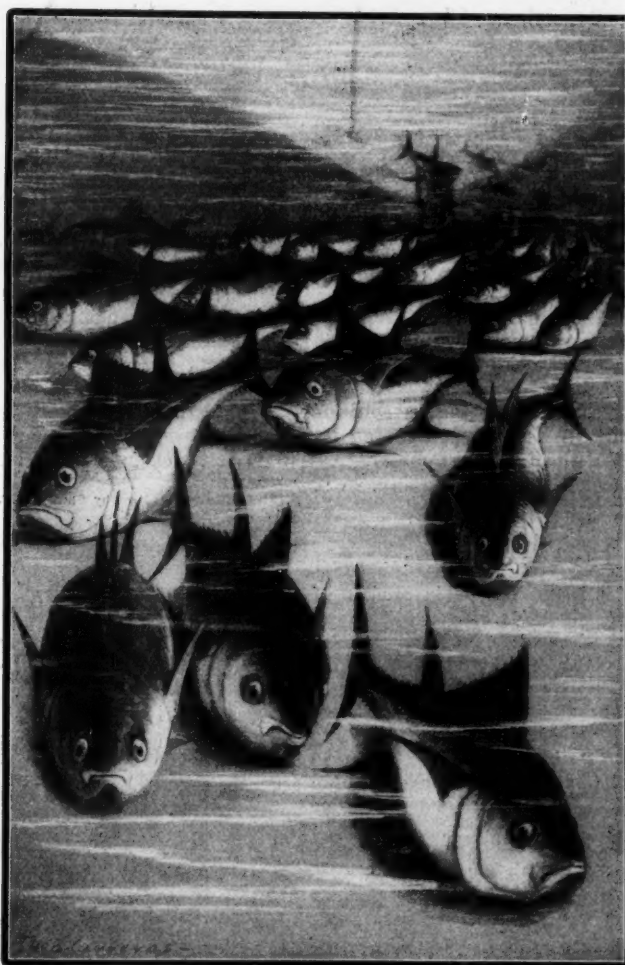
It would be unfair to seek the whole secret of a great critic's art in these translated pages. But the reader will find evidences everywhere of wide reading joined to an ordered thought of life

with their good portraits are welcome and promise to be useful as well as enjoyable.

[*Portraits of the Seventeenth Century*, by C. A. Sainte-Beuve. 2 vols. pp. 461, 443. G. P. Putnam's Sons. \$5.00.]

Tuscan Towns and People

Mr. Hewlett's literary style bids defiance to monotony. Lovers of travel will find him a delightful companion in *The Road in Tuscany*, if they will only yield to his prejudice, and avoid the city streets while they haunt the countryside in his company. He does not attempt to blink the discomforts and distastes of residence among the Tuscan peasantry, but his enthusiasm for their character and his interest in their history and life carries him joyously from stage to stage.



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From *Denizens of the Deep*

in its broad relations. The stamp of nationality is deep upon them and while the range of tolerance is wide, it is always as a Frenchman and a Catholic that the point of view is found. This is most evident, perhaps, in the portrait of the Duc de Rohan, the greatest of the later Huguenot leaders, and the contrasting essay on Richelieu. Louis XIV. and the group about him and the women of the salons are pictured, and one of the most judicial and informing papers deals with Mme. de Sevigné.

As examples of a sane and strong critical method and for their charm of style and as introductions to the significant characters of a picturesque and important age and country, these well-made volumes

Nor, indeed, is he so cruel as to deprive his companions of the delights of towns and galleries. Florence has a large share in the text and a still larger in the admirable and numerous illustrations.

Such a book, aside from its literary vivacity and charm, is a valuable antidote to the false but too common conception of Italy as the land of dead interests. The traveler is urged to personal acquaintance with the men and women who are today as they were in the times when the great artists were at work in church and palace. Behind the books and pictures the author everywhere urges us to remember the people who made great art possible. The reader will smile here and there at his con-



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ductor's enthusiasms. He may even tire, at times, of certain mannerisms. But, if he will take the book in the leisurely and receptive spirit in which it was written, he will find in it more of the real spirit of Tuscan life than in any volume on its theme with which we are familiar.

[The Road in Tuscany, by Maurice Hewlett. 2 vols. pp. 383, 377. Macmillan Co.]

The Life of the Sea

These full and enjoyable studies of marine life which Mr. Bullen calls *Denizens of the Deep*, begin with the whales and cover the finned and winged creatures which live in or fly over the sea. The author always writes with charm and knowledge when he bids farewell to the land. He has studied and observed in all quarters of the world and from an amazing wealth of first-hand knowledge is able to marshal his facts. The method of the recent imaginative naturalists who invent animal autobiographies, with which the book opens, is well handled but soon abandoned for the descriptive and reminiscent method which few are able to handle with greater skill than the author. It is an unusual book in an unusual field of knowledge, and should be popular with boys and girls from eight to eighty.

[Denizens of the Deep, by Frank T. Bullen, F. R. G. S. pp. 430. F. H. Revell Co. \$1.75 net.]

Stanley Weyman's New Story

Mr. Stanley Weyman is still the most consummate of our artists in historical romance. In constructive power, mastery of picturesque incident and combination of sentiment with character drawing, we have no one who can compare with him. The Abbess of Vlaye falls in the time just after his most famous book, the time of the brief reign of Henry of Navarre. The problem of its hero is one of the problems of resettlement and order which confronted the king and his lieutenants after the long civil wars.

The king's command to one of these lieutenants to put an end to disorder and his attempt to do so without adequate means lead him into the thick of adventures with the family of a ruined nobleman, the leader of a strong band of practical freebooters and the insurgent peasants.

The reader has a comfortable feeling that Mr. Weyman will bring his chief characters safely through the trials and perplexities of their course. He has a kindness also for his villains and makes them interesting. There

is the charm of an unusual love story and abundance of exciting adventures, all wrought into a dramatic unity. The author is entirely at home, and makes us at home, in the story of the period. Since *A Gentleman of France* he has given us no better example of his talent.

[The Abbess of Vlaye, by Stanley J. Weyman. pp. 423. Longmans, Green & Co.]

A Roman Sojourn

Mrs. Maud Howe Elliott has given us travel letters of an unusual charm in her *Roma Beata*. She lived a long time in the city and describes the life of the sojourners from other lands, of the higher classes and of the poor with an evident reflection of her own enjoyment in meeting them. Addressed to friends at home, the letters have all the charm of an intimate chronicle of experiences and emotions set down while they were fresh and keen.

Summer and winter excursions to the mountains, the Bay of Naples and elsewhere give opportunity for lively sketches of unfamiliar places, while many well-known names appear in the narrative. It is a wholly enjoyable story, and is beautifully printed and made.

[Roma Beata, by Maud Howe. pp. 362. Little, Brown & Co. \$2.50 net.]

Sandro Botticelli

The present vogue of Botticelli's art stands out in startling relief against the neglect into which a generation ago his paintings had fallen. No pictures of the Renaissance are more individual than his. None excite more present day enthusiasm or constitute such a puzzle to many who would like to be correct in their admirations. The character of the man and the sudden change in his art after he came under the influence of Savonarola illustrate very strikingly the fashion in which personality is revealed by art expression.

Mrs. Ady has made a careful study of the sources and aids the reader's understanding by copious illustrations from the paintings and drawings of the master.



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From The Abbess of Vlaye

It is an interesting picture of the age and of one of its most striking characters. The pictures are well produced, two of them being full-page photogravures. The book illustrates the advances which have been made in recent years in our knowledge of the real character and art expression of the Renaissance.

[The Life and Art of Sandro Botticelli, by Julia Cartwright (Mrs. Ady). pp. 205. E. P. Dutton & Co. \$4.00 net.]



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From Cape Cod Folks

ILLUSTRATED CHRISTMAS STORIES

A Journey in Search of Christmas, by Owen Wister. pp. 93. Harper & Bros. \$2.00.

Mr. Owen Wister proves that a distinctively Christmas story of fresh and genuinely human interest can still be written. The cowboy in his hands is not a mere stage figure. The reader will be impressed with the reality of these few figures and their truth to nature, while the publishers have done their part in putting it into attractive and worthily illustrated form. It is indeed far more than a bait to catch the holiday trade, it is a firmly handled and vital story.

A Messenger from Santa Claus, by Harvey Scribner. pp. 191. Franklin Printing & Engraving Co. \$1.00 net.

Christmas stories of a Dickensey type, well illustrated and handsomely printed on large pages. The appeal is rather to the sentiment of the elders than to the children, whom the make up suggests as the audience in the author's mind.

Sonny, a Christmas Guest, by Ruth McEnery Stuart. pp. 136. Century Co. \$1.25.

Miss Cory has illustrated this latest edition of Mrs. Stuart's humorous masterpiece. We suppose there are people who have never read it and we hope they will hasten to improve this opportunity. We also know at least one copy, worn with much reading, which ought to be replaced by the prettier new book.

Mr. Kris Kringle, by S. Weir Mitchell. pp. 105. G. W. Jacobs & Co.
A little tale of sorrow and reconciliation suffused with the Christmas atmosphere. Good to read and beautifully made with decorations and illustrations and a pretty decoration of mistletoe on the cover.

Love Finds the Way, by Paul Leicester Ford. pp. 108. Dodd, Mead & Co. \$2.00.
A slight story, with small claim to notice be-

yond the grace of its telling. The publishers have given it a charming dress of type, on pages bordered with beautifully colored floral designs. The illustrations, by Harrison Fisher, are spirited and graceful and the cover, also, is decorative.

Kitty of the Roses, by Ralph Henry Barbour. pp. 174. J. B. Lippincott Co.

A love idyl of charming quality, beautifully illustrated with plates in color and page decorations in brown. The scene is in an old Virginian village, probably Alexandria, and

A Christmas reverie on immortality, the vision of an angel pleading the cause of faith against the cherished doubts of one who had long lost his childhood's beliefs. The narrative is deeply felt, the need and the remedy are strongly phrased. It will help some to a better hold upon the immortality which Christ reveals. Prettily bound in a blue decorated cover.

ILLUSTRATED HOLIDAY BOOKS

Gwen, an Idyl of the Canyon, by Ralph Connor. pp. 95. F. H. Revell Co. 75 cents net.

The character in The Sky Pilot which all its readers remember best is that of Gwen. It was a good thought to take her story out of its setting for a beautiful illuminated holiday edition. The cover has an unusually successful photograph of the mountains and each page appropriate designs in brown. In this separate form it is an idyl of human pain, of spiritual insight and tender sentiment which it is good to read once more and to pass on for the enjoyment of others.

Our Christmas Tides, by Theodore Ledyard Cuyler. pp. 101. Baker & Taylor Co.

These papers are in Dr. Cuyler's well-known and picturesque style, some famous recent Christmas poems are interspersed and there are good photographs from Bethlehem, as well as a good portrait of the author. The illumination is in appropriate designs in red. The print is large and handsome, the paper fine.

Old Love Stories Retold, by Richard Le Gallienne. pp. 183. Baker & Taylor Co. \$1.50 net.

To retell famous love stories must always be a temptation to the literary artist. Mr. Le Gallienne has many of the necessary qualifications. We could wish, however, that he had put a little more strength of moral tone and delicacy of perception into his renderings. The publishers have given it an attractive dress, with pictures and illuminated pages.

The Night Before Christmas, by Clement C. Moore, illustrated by Lizzie Lawson, 50 cents; Excelsior, by Longfellow, 50 cents; Chosen Lessons, 30 cents; Nearer, My God, to Thee, by S. F. Adams, 50 cents; Requirements, by



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From Stepping-Stones of American History

THE DEPARTURE OF THE MAYFLOWER

the atmosphere is fragrant with the roses which play so large a part in the story.

The Castle Comedy, by Thompson Buchanan. pp. 236. Harper & Bros. \$2.00 net.

A dramatic and exciting romance of love set in the time of the war with Napoleon. The action and conversation as well as the title suggest the stage. The scene is at an English country house and national prejudice as well as strong human passion plays a part. The illustrations by Elizabeth Shippen Green are spirited and successful plates in color, and there are page decorations throughout. A holiday issue which does credit to author, illustrator and publishers.

The Face Beyond the Door, by Coulson Kernahan. pp. 111. A. C. Armstrong & Son.

J. G. Whittier, Upward, 50 cents. E. P. Dutton & Co.

Little Christmas books, with illuminated pages and covers containing famous poems. Pretty and tasteful gifts.

Is There a Santa Claus? by Jacob A. Riis. pp. 30. Macmillan Co. 75 cents.

Mr. Riis's answer to this question takes the form of a chapter of personal experience at Christmas time in which he narrates the kindness he experienced from the hands of the President and others, and translates the idea of Santa Claus into the spirit of Christmas.

La'P' Gal, by Paul Laurence Dunbar. pp. 123. Dodd, Mead & Co. \$1.50 net.

Mr. Dunbar's love songs in dialect, illustrated by beautiful photographs taken by Leigh



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From *The Song of Our Syrian Guest*

Richmond Miner of the Hampton Institute Camera Club. The beautiful page decorations are by Margaret Armstrong. The lyric spirit of the poems has made them popular and the art setting of the book is admirable.

The Cathedrals of England, by M. J. Taber. pp. 287. L. C. Page & Co. \$1.60 net. The original feature of this handsome illustrated book on English cathedrals consists in its biographical sketches of the more famous bishops and archbishops. In addition, a good deal of anecdotal matter has been included. A chapter of explanation with regard to the architecture and details of furnishing in an English cathedral church is appended.

FOREIGN LANDS

Rome, by Walter Taylor Field. 2 vols. pp. 307, 294. Ginn & Co. 2.40 net. Neither guide-book nor history, Mr. Field's book is a happy combination of the two, with an added charm of poetical and legendary allusion. He has not been overwhelmed by the vastness of his subject but has so combined and harmonized his material that various phases of the city's history, and the sights pertaining thereto, are described in logical order and without confusion to the reader. Many well-chosen pictures illustrate the work.

Dumas' Paris, by Francis Milton. pp. 395. L. C. Page & Co. \$1.60 net. Paris is a city beloved of novelists, and by none more than Dumas' *père*, extracts from whose voluminous works form the bulk of this book. The author has contented himself with linking the quotations in a certain order and furnishing a historical setting for them. In three appendixes are chronological lists of Dumas' romances and historical studies, stories, sketches and *nouvelles intimes*, and his books of travel. There are many illustrations and a full and satisfactory index.

Switzerland, by Joel Cook. pp. 519. H. T. Coates & Co. \$2.40 net. Switzerland and the Rhine are of perpetual interest to travelers. While not strictly a guide-book, this volume follows the usual roads with pleasant description. The illustrations are choice, original photographs of scenes and places. As a souvenir or an incentive to travel these well-printed pages in their handsome scarlet binding will prove attractive.

The Cathedrals of Southern France, by Francis Milton. pp. 555. L. C. Page & Co. \$1.60 net. Brief descriptions of churches in southern

France, with notes upon the history of their architecture and the ecclesiastical and political story with which they are associated. The great variety of plan and history in these provinces affords interesting material, while maps and illustrations afford help to the reader.

Italy, by Prof. W. Deecke. pp. 485. Macmillan Co. \$5.00.

A comprehensive, well illustrated, handsomely made account of Italy—its people, institutions, products and physical structure. It contains a great amount of interesting and valuable information, well arranged and readily accessible to the inquiring reader.

Japanese Life in Town and Country, by George William Knox. pp. 275.

the nation and gives the reader such an acquaintance with them as he might expect to get by observing travel and residence in this interesting country.

NEW EDITIONS

The Tales and Poems of Edgar Allan Poe, 6 vols. G. P. Putnam's Sons. \$6.00.

The quality of imagination which has made Poe's work memorable is reflected in the illustrations of these six well-made volumes. They are in that fine holiday garb which must always appeal to the lover of good literature.

Over the Hill to the Poor-House, by Will Carleton. Harper & Bros. \$2.00.

A handsomely illustrated edition of Mr. Carleton's most famous poem with full-page pictures by W. E. Mears and page decorations in color.

Natural History of Intellect; Lectures and Biographical Sketches; Miscellanies, by Ralph Waldo Emerson. pp. 612, 623, 648. Houghton, Mifflin & Co.

Three volumes of the Centenary Edition of Emerson come to us in good time for the holidays. The interest of the biographical introductions and notes by Edward Waldo Emer-



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From *Sonny*

son continues to make the edition unique in value and interest. Of its beautiful and appropriate form we have more than once spoken.

As You Like It; Romeo and Juliet, by William Shakespeare; *An Old English Christmas*, by Washington Irving. pp. 123, 155, 151. Century Co. Each \$1.00.

The three volumes of the beautiful little Thumbnail series, each in an appropriately stamped and decorated leather binding, are Shakespeare's *As You Like It*, and *Romeo and Juliet*, and Washington Irving's *Old English Christmas*. Those who love their literature in dainty volumes, easily carried and light to the hand, need seek no further for the satisfaction of their taste.

Memories of a Hundred Years, by Edward Everett Hale. pp. 398. Macmillan Co. \$2.50 net.

To bring Dr. Hale's recollections within the compass of a single volume fully illustrated and beautifully printed without making it too bulky for easy handling is a triumph of the bookmaker's art. The value and charm of these reminiscences need no new emphasis for a public with which they are already favorites.

Cranford, by Elizabeth Cleghorn Gaskell. pp. 255. E. P. Dutton & Co. \$2.00 net.

Our Village, by Mary Russell Mitford. pp. 309. E. P. Dutton & Co. \$2.00.

The Vicar of Wakefield, by Oliver Goldsmith. pp. 242. E. P. Dutton & Co. \$2.00 net.

These fine library editions of classic books afford an uncommon opportunity for the holiday buyer. In *Cranford*, Miss Mitford's *Our Village*, and *The Vicar of Wakefield* the publishers have found three books of delightful and kindred spirit on which to lavish the resources of their art. Print and paper are admirable; the colored illustrations are by C. E. Brook, and the cover designs are tasteful.

The Prisoner of Mademoiselle, by Charles G. D. Roberts. pp. 285. L. C. Page & Co. \$1.50. A romantic tale, written in Mr. Roberts's charming style. The scene is the land of Acadia and the love of an Acadian maiden for one of her country's enemies and her efforts in saving his life are cleverly portrayed, while the author's appreciation of nature is evident throughout.

Trixy, by Elizabeth Stuart Phelps. pp. 299. Houghton, Mifflin & Co. \$1.50.

Mrs. Phelps's latest story is "not a polemic," to use her own words. Like her preceding story, *Loveliness*, it is, however, written to carry a plea against vivisection. Although the human actors in the plot are well drawn, they are overcharged with emotion, and the dumb animals are more interesting and lovable. We are spared the worst details of some scenes, but we cannot commend the book to children or nervous persons.

Off the Highway, by Alice Prescott Smith. pp. 299. Houghton, Mifflin & Co. \$1.50.

California people, scenery and life are made known to us in this story. The characters are real though their behavior is sometimes refractory, and the events in which they figure are likely to startle the reader more than they did the actors. The chief charm is in the atmosphere, which is genuine, wholesome and belongs to California.

A Gourd Fiddle, by Grace MacGowan Cooke. pp. 118. Henry Altamus Co.

A pretty and well-illustrated story of the musical ambitions and successes of a little Negro boy. Almost too pathetic in parts for children, but coming to a happy end at last.

Divided, by Clara E. Laughlin. pp. 93. F. H. Revell Co. 75 cents net.

A pretty, tender little romance based on Miss Ingelow's poem, *Divided*. It is daintily bound and decorated.

FOR CHILDREN

The Nursery Fire, by Rosalind Richards. pp. 242. Little, Brown & Co. \$1.50.

Pretty children's stories well imagined and simply told, some of which have already appeared in our own columns.

The kindly and happy spirit of the tales and their movement in the sphere of ordinary life make them wholesome and pleasant reading for little children. Miss Richards has a pleasant sense of humor and knows exactly what tone to take with little children and what will interest them. The large print will make easy reading and the pictures are quite in the spirit of the stories.

Lucy and Their Majesties, by B. L. Fargeon. pp. 332. Century Co. \$1.50.

A jolly book in the realm of farce. The characters at the famous London wax-works exhibition of Madame Tussaud come down from their pedestals and spend a day at a country house in undoing a plot against the happiness of true lovers, and incidentally in the enjoyment of a somewhat uproarious freedom. Well invented and humorously told.

Little Royalties, by Isabel McDougall. pp. 163. F. H. Revell Co. \$1.25.

Brief sketches of picturesque characters among the children of European royalty. Edward VI. of England, Napoleon's son, the

children of Charles I., the little Dauphin, the princes in the tower are examples. Pleasantly written and with pictures of unusual interest. A good point of contact for knowledge of modern European history.

Children's Picture Books: The Model Book of Trains, 50 cents; *The Doll's House Model Book*, 50 cents; *Three Little Kittens*, 25 cents. E. P. Dutton & Co.

The three kittens in the famous nursery rhyme are illustrated in a fashion which will delight the children. The model books for cutting out and putting together contain materials for many hours of enjoyable and helpful work for little hands. The make-up of these large picture-books is all that the most exacting taste could demand.

Dorothy Dainty at School, by Amy Brooks. pp. 239. Lee & Shepard. \$1.00.

Little readers already acquainted with Dorothy will be glad to follow her adventures further and to learn of the rescue of Nancy, who in a former story had been stolen.

A Picnic on a Pyramid, by Marion V. Loud. pp. 114. Saalfield Pub. Co. \$1.50.

Buster Brown Abroad, by R. F. Outcault. pp. 67. F. A. Stokes Co. \$1.00.

In the Miz, by Grace E. Ward. pp. 159. Little, Brown & Co. \$1.50.

A series of bright nonsense stories designed for children, though the puns and quotations would better suit older people. The illustrations, by Clara E. Atwood, are better than the text.

HUMOR

The Book of Clever Beasts, by Myrtle Reed. pp. 231. G. P. Putnam's Sons. \$1.50.

A clever and amusing take-off of the recent school of natural history writers and sentimental interpreters of the life of wild animals. Illustrated with delightful humor by Mr. Peter Newell.

American Wives and Others, by Jerome K. Jerome. pp. 364. F. A. Stokes Co. \$1.50.

These short papers show Mr. Jerome's humor at its best. His description of the American wife living abroad alone is amusing and hits close to the mark. The papers illustrate the differences of national taste in humor.

True Bills, by George Ade. pp. 154. Harper & Bros. \$1.00.

Mr. Ade's parables are as slangy and effective and amusing as ever. The subjects of these particular fables are mainly taken from the fields of politics and business.

Strenuous Animals, by Edwin J. Webster. pp. 157. F. A. Stokes Co. \$1.00.

Amusing satires on the modern school of natural history biography. The most extravagant of these writers are certainly fair game, and this burlesque, both of text and pictures, is clever.

CALENDARS

Prayer Calendar for 1905, issued by the Woman's Board of Missions.

The annual prayer calendar of the Woman's Board is as comprehensive in its missionary interests and as handsome in its form as ever.



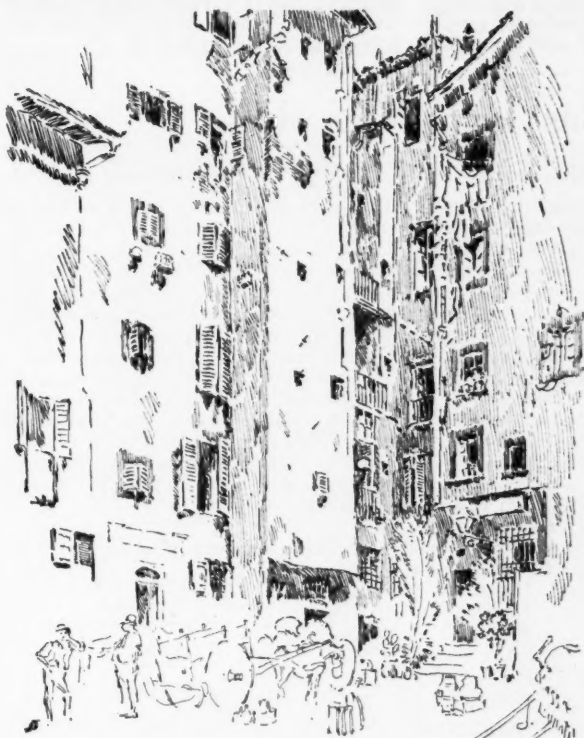
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From *The Nursery Fire*

It should be a help to common prayer among the wide constituency of friends of missions.

From Friend to Friend Calendar; Shakespeare Friendship Calendar, W. S. Lord, Evanston, Ill.

Two little calendars for 1905 in book form and of a size which does not take much space upon the desk, prettily bound and printed in brown, containing spaces for memoranda and apt quotations on friendship, one from Shakespeare, the other selected from various literary sources.



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HOUSE OF DANTE

Lovers of these famous books could hardly ask for a more pleasing setting.

Nature and Culture, by Hamilton Wright Mabie. pp. 326. Dodd, Mead & Co. \$2.00 net.

A new edition of Mr. Mabie's discussion, published some years ago, of education, nature and the relations between the two. Clear type, wide margins and numerous illustrations from photographs by Rudolph Eickemeyer, Jr., combine to make an attractive volume.

FICTION

Falaise of the Blessed Voice, by William Stearns Davis. pp. 360. Macmillan Co. \$1.50. This story of the youth of St. Louis of France, affords Mr. Davis an admirable opportunity for his lyrical style and romantic invention. Here are all the adjuncts—a wronged heroine, a deceived, but finally strong and triumphant hero, a fool, a faithful friend and a number of villains. The castle of Pontoise affords a romantic stage with towers and dungeons and secret passages. Falaise is a blind girl whose simplicity of life and purity of heart find expression in a wonderful voice. She is used to reconcile the king and queen, whom the queen mother, Blanche of Castile, attempts to separate. The psychological interest in the story inheres in the growth of character and self-assertion of King Louis who, up to the time of the story, has been a tool in the hands of his royal mother.

Paths of Judgment, by Anne Douglas Sedgwick. pp. 346. Century Co. \$1.50.

A somber psychological study of the relations between two young men and two young women. Both men love one of the women and both women love one of the men. The lesson of the story seems to be that in the spiritual economy of this life the strong are impelled to meet the needs of the weak at any cost. The work is well done, but the effect is not enlivening.

Mother Thought, edited by Charlotte Brewster Jordan. pp. 160. E. P. Dutton & Co. \$1.00 net.

A quotation for every day of the year chosen with reference to the best thoughts of motherhood. Sentiment and humor in wide variety find illustration.

The Entirely New Cynic's Calendar of Revised Wisdom, 1905. Paul Elder & Co., San Francisco.

The pictures are clever, the travestied proverbs are instructive as well as amusing. We might quote for example, "The wages of gin is debt," and "Shut your mouth and open your eyes and you'll need nothing to make you wise." The pages which are left for memoranda provoke the user to be as original as the authors—if he can.

Calendars for 1905: *The Secret of Happiness*, \$1.25; *Fra Angelico*, 75 cents; *Friendship's Message*, 60 cents; *Ye Olde Time Year*, 50 cents; *Stray Leaves from Favorite Authors*, \$1.00; *With Hearty Greetings*, 60 cents; *Robert Louis Stevenson*, 50 cents; *Phillips Brooks*, 50 cents; *Gospel Messengers*, 60 cents; *John Hassell's Comic Calendar*, \$1.50; *Friendship Calendar*, \$1.25; *Gems from the Poets*, \$1.50; *The Coon Calendar*, \$1.50. E. P. Dutton & Co.

Here are calendars for every taste, beautifully illustrated and promising gay or thoughtful companionship for a whole year. A good chance to keep a friend in remembrance of us by an often referred to gift.

MISCELLANEOUS

The Oriental Rug Book, by Mary Churchill Ripley. pp. 310. F. A. Stokes Co. \$3.50.

The work of an enthusiast. Historic examples of Oriental weaves are reproduced, some of them in colors, which show something of the rich blendings and soft textures of the originals. She interprets the details of design with reference to their symbolism in the early history of the peoples. The range of knowledge is wide; the author's opinions are firmly held and clearly stated. It will clear up much that is obscure on an unusually interesting theme.

The Art of the Louvre, by Mary Knight Potter. pp. 418. L. C. Page & Co. \$2.00 net.

This is more than a handbook to the collections of the Louvre; it is a description and history of the palace and a critical account of the pictures. The story is brought up to date with a chapter on the latest additions of the French school. The illustrations are admirably rendered photographs of some of the chief treasures of the gallery. The author has consulted the most recent art critical authorities, and writes with enthusiasm and discrimination.

Narragansett Bay, by Edgar Mayhew Bacon. pp. 367. G. P. Putnam's Sons. \$3.50 net.

Mr. Bacon's large and fully illustrated pages make a leisurely and entertaining study of a beautiful region. The shores and islands of the bay, with their history and traditions, are described in order, and the text as well as the pictures gives us a succession of varying glimpses of places and people. A good map of the region enables the reader to follow the descriptions with intelligence.

Warwick Castle and Its Earls, by the Countess of Warwick. 2 vols. pp. 882. E. P. Dutton & Co. \$8.00 net.

The present Countess of Warwick has devoted these two stately volumes to an account of the antiquities of Warwick Castle and the history of the five successive families which have held the title. The story begins in the vague regions of tradition, and is associated with many of the greatest events in English history. The illustrations are of great interest, including photogravure portraits of the author and her husband. The appendixes contain full genealogical tables and documents of interest in the story.

Everyman, edited by Montrose J. Moses. pp. 69. J. F. Taylor & Co.

A beautifully printed and handsomely bound volume containing the text of the morality play, *Everyman*, which has been so successfully presented in this country, during the past two years. The quaint spelling of the old editions is followed, the illustrations are reproductions of scenes in the play, and an informing introduction by Mr. Moses describes the origin and history of moralities in general and of *Everyman* in particular. A comprehensive bibliography of works bearing upon the general history of these plays is appended.

The Star of Bethlehem, by Charles Mills Gayley. pp. 70. Fox, Duffield & Co. \$1.00.

A miracle play made up from different medieval texts supplemented and adapted to modern stage conditions as presented by the Ben Greet company. The adaptor and editor has dovetailed his material cleverly and filled up the gaps quite in the tone of the originals, giving an admirable idea of the spirit of the old Christmas plays.

Decorated Christmas Cards and Poems: *Strength Sufficient*; *Lean Hard*; *How Wonderful*; *Loet*; *The Eloquent Pickwick*; *Santa Theresa's Bookmark*; *A Morning Resolve*; *Daily Duty*; *The Quality of Mercy*. E. P. Dutton & Co. Each 35 cents. Christmas cards. Each 10 cents.

Illustrated in the famous Nuremberg lithography. The literary material is well selected and pictures join with illuminated print to make attractive Christmas gifts and remem-

brances. The smaller cards will fit well into a letter.

The Lover's Rubaiyat, edited by Jessie B. Rittenhouse. Small, Maynard & Co.

A literary curiosity of more than usual interest. The editor has put together stanzas translated from the Persian poets, in the meter which Fitzgerald has made so familiar, which bear on love and courtship. Her mosaic is made up from ten different translations arranged as a "book for sweethearts," and prettily bound in purple and gold.

Business, by L. de V. Matthewmen. Pictures by Tom Fleming. J. B. Lippincott Co.

A series of clever and more or less cynical epigrams, usually alluding to some phase of business life. The illustrations fit the text in an unusually happy degree.

Bits from New Books

Taking Trouble Home

"Weel," he plucked a long blade of grass and bit the end of it as he considered. "It seems that you're thinkin' a deal about happiness just now. What call you bein' happy?"

"Havin' what you want in the world," was her cry.

"So?" he answered quietly. "Then I canna help ye, for I ken nothing about that."

"What is it then?" she whispered.

"Just ownin' your soul in peace."

She looked at him, startled and uncomprehending.

"But ye'll know nothin' o' that, I doubt. It's this way. Some folks takes their troubles by the throat and strangles them at arm's length—I canna put it very well—and others just takes them in—in a way of speaking—and bids them welcome—makes friends o' them. But you understand no word of it all, lass."

—From *Ricker's The Reaper* (Houghton & Mifflin).

Grey Italy

Greenness is of the North and West, where the sun, its hearty enemy, is tempered. Italy is a grey country, flushed with green in the spring, dusty grey all the summer (under a pearl grey sky), grey bleached to white after the winter floods—grey earth, grey tree stems, grey olives, grey grass and a blue heaven over a grey-green river swirling through pale sands. This is the color of Tuscany and of much of the Lombard plain, which certain painters of old have caught and translated. —From *Hewlett's Road in Tuscany* (Macmillan).

A Backward Nation

There is no nation, comparable industrially to the United States, which is so backward as this country in its knowledge, in its legislation, in its administrative machinery for dealing with the unsanitary conditions in factories, mines and workshops and in preventing or regulating those dangerous processes in industry which are responsible for a very large number of unnecessary diseases, accidents and deaths. —From *Hunter's Poverty* (Macmillan).

Comparatively Smart

"I don't want a wife," persisted Ben.

"No?" returned Dodd. "Well, a man's wishes in that respect are of trifling importance if some smart woman happens to decide that he will make a good husband."

"She'd have to be pretty smart to get me," said Ben.

"Comparatively smart," said Dodd.

"What do you mean by that?" asked Leonard.

"Why a woman is comparatively smart when she's smarter than a man, but she isn't considered smart unless she's smarter than another woman." Then after a pause, "All women are comparatively smart." —From *Flower's Delightful Dodd* (Page).

Let Europe Wait

Solicitude for posterity has gone too far when existence has been denied to a possible citizen for fear he may never be able to own a steam yacht. And solicitude for our own comfort has gone too far when it has kept down to two what should have been a family of four or five children, because five children are too many to take to Europe. Let Europe wait. To raise five good children is better than Europe. Five good children are an immense luxury; and to deny one's self other luxuries in order to raise them is not self-denial at all, but merely an intelligent choice of investment. —From *Martin's The Luxury of Children* (Harper).

The Wisdom of a Cynic

Society covers a multitude of sins.

The more waist, the less speed.

Never too old to yearn. —From *The Cynic's Calendar* (Paul Elder & Co.)

Lawn Furnishings

There are people who think of plants as if they were but a sort of—of lawn furnishings! "Yes, yes," they say to the gardener, "set out something." Bah! he should give them things made of wire and colored paper—they will but look at them from the piazza. They should not have the dear flowers that are alive from the fine, wise little roots to the tips of the leaves and the edges of the pretty petals. It is as sad for flowers as it is for children to live with people that do not love them. —From *Duncan's Mary's Garden and How It Grew* (Century Co.)

An American Infirmary

The average American cannot stroll; he has never learned; if he puts his legs in motion, he must go to some fixed point, though it be only a milestone or a huckleberry bush. The infirmity is most likely congenital, a taint in the blood. The fathers worked—all honor to them—having to earn their bread under hard conditions; and the children, though they may dress like the descendants of princes, cannot help turning even their amusements into a stint. —From *Torrey's Nature's Invitation* (Houghton & Mifflin).

Franklin's Hens

He had kept a little diary of their doings, labelled "Plymouth Rock Record," and one day it happened to be on his desk when the principal came by. She picked it up with much pride, thinking that here was a boy who really loved his United States History, and, turning to the first entry, read, "Priscilla laid a hard-boiled egg today."

Franklin wondered why it was that she left the room so suddenly, but suspected afterwards that she had been laughing at him. —From *Fuller's The Alley Cat's Kitten* (Little, Brown).

A Quarter-Century in Brooklyn

Dr. McLeod's Notable Pastorate and Personal Career

By REV. SYDNEY HERBERT COX

On the last Sunday in November, Thomas Boyd McLeod, D. D., closed his pastorate of twenty-five years at Clinton Avenue Church, Brooklyn—closed as he began: by putting the Church of the Living Christ in the forefront and himself as far back as possible. The farewell sermon on Col. 2: 5, was characteristic of the man. It analyzed the power and influence of a true church, and the joy of the pastor at

had but three pastors installed, Dr. Dyrck Cornelius Lansing, in 1848, the sainted Dr. Budington, pastor for seventeen years, and third Dr. McLeod, who came in 1879, as he says, "with little but inexperience, and that in plenty."

Dr. McLeod's father was a teacher in Ireland, and an elder in the Presbyterian Church, upon whom his pastor could rely to do the

ern New York. Then going to the Reformed Church in Hudson City, N. Y., he was called two years later to Clinton Avenue.

"Like priest, like people," has been fully exemplified in the past quarter-century. It has been and is a family church. Dr. McLeod has never believed that "the chief end of man is to go to church twice a day." Hence the evening service has never been large. This "family" spirit has made the church compact. Loyalty and practical service have been made intense. Trained in missionary zeal and quiet, sane fervor, the church has been a bulwark to the national and local societies, and has responded steadily and increasingly to appeals, ever growing more numerous. With its Atlantic Avenue and Willoughby Avenue chapels and its far-reaching local service of practical value the public has been little acquainted; for publicity has not been sought, and the interviewer has had scant attention.

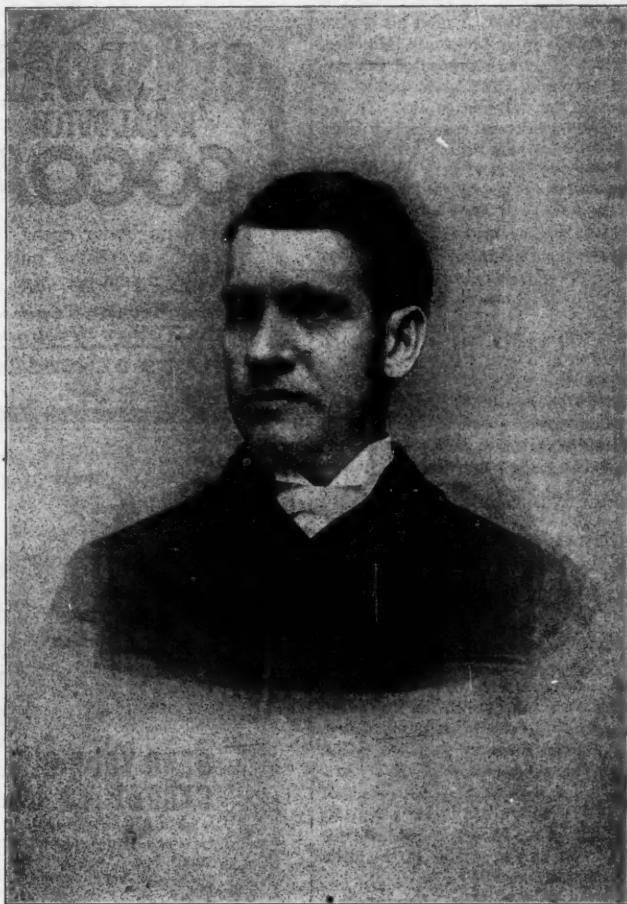
This consistent modesty has sometimes led some men to feel that Clinton Avenue's pastor was unapproachable. Not seeing "his heart upon his sleeve," they have failed to perceive its true location; while others, with truer instinct, have found the way to a soul burning with affection, and deeply concerned with the progress of the "younger brethren." Many men and churches today owe much of their life and inspiration to the man whose quiet counsel and godly advice strengthened them in their crises. Positive convictions have never been withheld for fear of hurting the feelings of those who believed otherwise; and even those disagreeing have admired the honesty and courage of the man.

An unusually large council met on Nov. 29 to dismiss Dr. McLeod as pastor. Dr. A. J. Lyman was naturally chosen moderator. The nature of the records and of the correspondence between pastor and church was such, that it was voted to waive the usual custom of "the council being by itself." Drs. Lyman, Kent, Jefferson, and Mr. Stockwell, as a committee, presented a set of strong and felicitously phrased resolutions referring to the splendid and harmonious service of church and pastor, to his fraternal helpfulness, his well-earned right to rest for a time, and his promise of further usefulness.

After the unanimous adoption of these resolutions there was a moment of intense silence. Dr. McLeod was in the last seat, under the gallery, half-hidden by the shadows. Then said Dr. Lyman in pathetic voice, "Won't ye come within arm's length of a friend?" The two great leaders clasped hands; and the moderator voiced the deep emotion of the council, in his characteristically beautiful and affectionate manner. Said he: "These resolutions are necessarily formal. No words can express what we feel. . . . You will be with us till the sunset dies away. . . . Our fellowship is brotherhood forever." As the words ceased to echo, and every face was quivering, there was a moment of suspense, and then, the two men clasped hands in a hushed "good-by." The silence was accentuated by the heavy footsteps of the departing pastor as he crossed in front of the pulpit and the study door shut him from sight. The last root of those which had struck so deeply through the years, was out.

Final receptions to Dr. McLeod will be tendered this week. He and Mrs. McLeod will rest this winter, at the physician's suggestion, in Washington. "I have stored all our goods," said he, "and packed every book save one—the Scriptures—and when I feel ready, I shall preach. I couldn't idle—it isn't in me. Laziness would kill me." Thus is the end consistent with the beginning. Dr. McLeod has been distinctively a great preacher and pastor.

Robertson Nicoll of the *British Weekly* says that a congregation of Christian worshippers and non-Christian seekers after truth can be gathered anywhere providing you have the right man and the right methods.



REV. THOMAS B. MCLEOD, D. D.

"If there were no other place, I'd preach on the street corner and tell the great story of Christ. Nothing compares with preaching, and there is no other gospel save the atoning Christ."—From Dr. McLeod's closing words at his council of dismissal.

the compactness and solidity which had kept his people in "these distracting times, true to the faith once for all delivered to the saints. You have illustrated . . . that faith is consonant with the highest culture, that conservatism is not necessarily stagnation . . . that a church may be hindmost in the chase after the latest novelties in doctrine, and at the same time foremost in the practical science of men." The sermon closed with a word of confidence in the future of his people; and without a "farewell" deliverance.

This was given to the "church family" in the afternoon, in the privacy and peace of the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. And so finished a great pastorate, whose inner history has never been advertised. The church has

most important things, and preach in the absence of the pastor. Out of such a home came three boys who entered the ministry. The eldest, John, dying as a missionary in Africa sent home this message: "I am laying down the standard of Christ. I wish Tom would take it up." At the same time James McLeod, now at Soranton, Pa., wrote from Princeton, "No other country will give Tom a greater opportunity of any sort; let him at least get his education over here." The oldest brother's appeal decided the life-work, and Tom set out for America, accompanying Rev. John Hall, also sailing to begin his great pastorate in New York. The day after landing Mr. McLeod went to Princeton and in seven years graduated and was ordained over a charge in west-

Closet and Altar

A LISTENING GOD

O Thou that hearest prayer, unto Thee shall all flesh come.

Learn to commend thy daily acts to God, so shall the dry every-day duties of common life be steps to heaven, and lift thy heart thither.—*Edward B. Pusey.*

I watch the Master take His way
Far up the mount, at break of day
'Mid nature's quietude to pray;
And as I seem to see Him there
I hear, with all my load of care,
"He calls thee to the mount of prayer."

—*John R. Clements.*

What is the name of our God? Love, Mercy, Compassion, Bountifulness. When you pray, contemplate with the eyes of your heart Love and Mercy standing before you—the Lover of men listening to you.—*John Sergieff.*

Our prayer is God's opportunity.—*S. D. Gordon.*

I have been helped by praying for others; for by making an errand to God for them, I have gotten something for myself.—*Samuel Rutherford.*

It is often by being in trouble that we learn to pray; the truth is, that no one can pray honestly and intelligently to God for anything, without at the same time praying for the forgiveness of his sins. To come into God's presence at all, is to be overcome with the prophet's sense of shame—"Woe is me! for I am a man of unclean lips"; and therefore even to petition for daily bread must always be annexed, "Forgive us our trespasses."—*H. C. Beeching.*

Two went to pray? O, rather say
One went to brag, the other to pray.

One stands up close and treads on high
Where the other dares not lend his eye;

One nearer to God's altar trod,
The other to the altar's God.

—*Richard Crashaw.*

Prayer, which is instrumental to everything, hath a particular promise in this thing. "He that lacks wisdom let him ask it of God;" and, "If you give good things to your children, how much more shall your heavenly Father give his Spirit to them that ask him!"—*Jeremy Taylor.*

O God who hast made us Thy witnesses and trusted to our keeping the honor of Thy name, teach us to work with Thee in willingness of heart. Send forth chosen men to labor, and help us whose tasks are in the common ways of life to be persevering in our gifts and prayers that they may be supported and sustained. Though our callings are various, let Thy work be one. Rouse the thoughtless to fresh thought of joy in partnership with Thee. Hasten Thy day of justice, righteousness and love, and help us to practice Thy teachings in our daily life. Let the blessing of Thy presence gladden men in all the lands of the earth and may our hearts rejoice to see the growing honor of Thy name. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Two Veterans Pass On

REV. JEREMIAH FAMES RANKIN, D. D., LL. D.

When Dr. Rankin, having resigned from the presidency of Howard University, removed to Cleveland, O., early last year, an extended account of his work was given in *The Congregationalist* of May 16, 1903, and his portrait appeared on the cover page. Since that time he, with his wife, has resided with their daughters in Cleveland. The cause of his retirement from active life—his failing health—has continued till the end came Nov. 28.

Dr. Rankin was born in Thornton, N. H., nearly seventy-seven years ago. He graduated from Middlebury College in 1848, and from Andover Seminary in 1854, and held pastorates in St. Albans, Vt., Lowell and Boston. He became the pastor of the First Church in Washington, D. C., in 1869. Under his leadership it grew rapidly in numbers and influence, and for sixteen years he represented Congregationalism ably and was a great power for righteousness in the national capital. On his resignation he spent several months in foreign travel, and soon after his return became pastor of the Congregational church at Orange, N. J. When the late Dr. W. W. Patton resigned the presidency of Howard University, Dr. Rankin was elected to that office and did valiant service for that institution till after thirteen years the burdens of age and physical infirmities compelled him to lay down his work.

Dr. Rankin was widely known not only as a preacher, but as a hymn-writer, and as a contributor to the religious press. Older readers of *The Congregationalist* are familiar with his name, which stood at the head of some of its ablest articles, and many of his sermons and addresses have been published.

REV. EDWARD PAYSON HOOKER, D. D.

For many years Dr. Hooker was a prominent figure in Congregational circles in New England. He was born in Poultney, Vt., July 2, 1834, graduated from Middlebury College in 1855 and from Andover Seminary in 1861. During the eight years till 1869 he was pastor of Mystic Church, Medford, Mass., then returned to his native state and after a brief service with the church at Fairhaven became pastor of the church in Middlebury, where he remained for more than ten years. His ministry there impressed itself on successive classes of college students, many of whom are now in active life in various parts of the country and on foreign mission fields. From 1881 to 1884 he was pastor of the Elliot Church, Lawrence.

Elected president of Rollins College at Winter Park, Fla., he continued in that office till 1892, and remained pastor of the church in that place till 1898, when failing powers made it necessary for him to retire from active labors. Since that time he has resided in Marshfield, Mass., till his death, Nov. 29. He leaves a wife, three sons and three daughters, by whom he has been tenderly cared for during a long period of illness.



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The Conversation Corner

From Children in Africa

DO you know how many other Cornerers there are in the world? I cannot count their names in my different lists and files, besides hosts of others entirely unknown to me. I am often surprised to hear from new children in some remote corner of the land or world, who have for a long time been reading your letters on this page, but have not before written themselves. On my table now are letters from Turkey, India, China, Africa and Oceania. Let us take Africa this week, because somehow that seems to be the farthest off and least known of all, and so different too from our country—they are burning and boiling with torrid heat, while we are having snow and ice. [*Rah, rah, rah*, for the snow and ice, boys!—D. F.]

Look at these pictures of a young African—although his father and mother are Americans. See him kissing the roses, no fairer than his own golden hair and pink brown cheeks. See him in his wicker basket riding alongside a cactus hedge in bloom on the public road. The name of his home (at Capetown, South Africa), of which you get a glimpse, is *Wachusett*—perhaps his mother was once a teacher in sight of that noble Massachusetts mountain! He is over three years old now, and I have a letter he dictated on receipt of a box from America; I think the dictator's stenographer must have helped him out a little in his language!

I like the white felt hat with white silk trimmings. It is the first "truly" hat I ever had. English boy babies here always wear hats or caps, but mother likes me best in little American bonnets, because they are soft and warm. Her friends laugh because I wear girls' things, but mother says I am comfortable, and no one ever takes me for a girl—not much! We have been out on a farm, and we had a nice time. I had a ride after a funny little gray donkey that did not know enough to keep the road and went from one side to the other till we thought we should never get anywhere. Father put me on a dear little red and white calf and I had another ride.

HORACE.

Crossing now the narrow continent, we come to Natal on the shore of the Indian Ocean, familiar to us as the first missionary country in Africa; our letter is from a missionary boy.

My Dear Mr. Martin: I would like to be a Cornerer. I like to hear my mother read the letters in the Corner. I am seven years old. I have school in the morning with my mother, and am reading *Around the World*. I send you a picture of a tree that grows in our yard, and I am sitting on the roots. It is a very nice tree to climb. I can climb to the tip top of it. I make whips and I have ten clay oxen. In America I used to slide down hill on the snow, but here I slide on the dry grass, on a board instead of a sled. And it is fun to slide down.

HOWARD R.

Adams [*Amanzimtote*], Natal.

The picture shows a remarkable tree; we would enjoy climbing to "the tip top of it" with Howard, although we might not like grass in place of snow to coast on. Howard's mother adds a note, all the more interesting when we remember that she is the daughter of Rev. Simeon Howard Calhoun, the long-time and beloved missionary on Mt. Lebanon.

You have heard from some of the children of our mission before this, and now I write in behalf of the Children's Missionary Society

to send a contribution for the Pomiuk Cot. The children decided to send what they have gathered to the "Cold North Country" because they live in the "Warm South Country." They were interested to hear what I told them of Pomiuk and some of the other "cold country" children, and we are sending for the book about Pomiuk. Most of these children read the Corner and enjoy it. I inclose note to Treasurer Wiggins to hand you three dollars and twenty-five cents, the sum the children have raised. The children are Paul, Wilfrid, Kenneth and Edith Bunker, David and James Harris, Gladstone, Murray and Thomas Wilcox, Jessie, Mary and Robert McCord, Florence Dorward and Howard Ransom. With cordial greetings, and hearty interest in the good work the Corner is doing for the children of America and other countries,

S. H. C. R.

Of course we have heard from that station and its children before! Did not we



have "Paul and his hen" in the Corner in 1898, Wilfrid standing beside a little African boy a few years later, and a whole lot of *Amanzimtote* children sitting on a log and perched on the branches of a tree in the issue of April 20, 1899? Perhaps it is the same tree. But where



are the Cowles children who were in it then? O, I see by the * against the name in the *American Board Almanac* that the family is reported as in America. Blessings on those children in far-away Africa, with so many around them in need, for thinking of some crippled child in our Gabriel Pomiuk Cot on the frozen coast of Labrador, where there are no trees and little sunshine! It will please Dr. Wilfred Grenfell, especially as he sees that one missionary boy has his own name.

And now another Cornerer in Africa—in the "East Central African Mission." "Gazaland" and "Rhodesia" are not on my map—Africa has changed wonderfully since Stanley explored the Dark Continent!

Dear Mr. Martin: I enjoy the Conversation Corner so very much that I want to be a Cornerer. I am thirteen years old. I send a picture of "Pat," our little paviti. The paviti, or blue buck, is the smallest antelope in the forest here. It is of a bluish color. Pat was

brought to us when he very young. He was fed with milk until he was old enough to eat grass, and then he was allowed to run loose in the daytime and was brought in at night. He did not like to be brought in and he would hide, but he was nearly always found. Pat is growing fast. He has little, short, sharp horns. Pat did not want his picture taken, but one day we found him lying under the mulberries and Mother took it. I expect that when this letter reaches you we will be about starting for America. We hope to visit you sometime.

Mt. Silinda, Rhodesia.

LAURA B.

We know this girl, too! Did not Mary B. join the Corner from Mt. Silinda a few years ago and send us a picture of a curious conveyance in which she and her sisters were being toted by the natives? Is not her grandmother one of our "Old Folks" in a Western state? I have not seen their arrival yet in the *Missionary Herald*—when they do come, of course they will report to the Corner!

GOOD BOOKS FOR CORNERERS

Instead of anything more about Africa, I think I will please that "Boston lady" in last week's Corner by reporting two good books I have just read. One is *Doctor Luke of the Labrador* (Revell Co., \$1.50), by Norman Duncan, who, as you know, visited that coast and became thoroughly acquainted with Dr. Grenfell and his medical missionary work. His descriptions of coast and man and work are very fine—only remember that the fiction parts of the story do not fit our missionary at all. Of course you have all read the same author's capital *Tale for Boys* in the last three numbers of this paper—that is like Dr. Grenfell, too!

You ought also to read in *Harper's Magazine* for December Mr. Duncan's remarkable article, Grenfell of the Medical Mission, by far the most compact and telling sketch yet published of the Labrador Mission and our friend, the medical missionary.

The other book is *The Boy Captive of Old Deerfield* (Little, Brown & Co., \$1.25), by Mary P. Wells Smith, author of the *Jolly Good Times* series. Although as interesting as fiction, this is really a story of historical facts—the famous burning of Deerfield by the French and Indians in 1704 (just two hundred years ago), and the carrying away into captivity the minister and many of his people. The minister's son, Stephen Williams, is the special hero, but I am interested in another boy captive, Jonathan Hoyt, because he was my lineal ancestor.

The story describes their long and painful march in midwinter through the wilderness—following the Connecticut, the White and Onion Rivers, etc., on towards Canada—many starving to death or killed by the savages if unable to keep up under their burdens. I know that Jonathan was ransomed after living some years among the Indians and returned to Massachusetts—else he would not have been my great-great-grandfather! No doubt some of the rest of you Cornerers are descended, too, from those Deerfield captives—say the Williams, Hoyt, Catlin, Stebbins, Field, French, Sheldon, Kellogg, Bridgman or other families.

Mr. Martin

The Schoolmaster*

By Zephine Humphrey

SYNOPSIS OF CHAPTERS I. AND II.

David Bruce, idealist and lover of nature and humanity, wishes to bring the lives of the dwellers in a certain mountain valley into harmony with the purity and strength of the hills about them. He becomes a member of an interesting household, whose members regard his ambition—and his faith—in varied ways.

III.

The September sunlight poured golden out of a brilliant sky, and the face of the mountains was glad. Glad too was the valley, rejoicing through all the length and breadth of its mown meadows and ripe cornfields. Glad were the little brooks, shining as if new-washed, even they, in the bath of the crystal air. And glad beyond all gladness of nature, glad with the gladness which God sometimes shares with his human children (briefly, alas! lest it kill them) was the heart of the boy David.

He rose early and walked out over the meadows. The mountains stood round him radiant, with their heads uplifted against the shining sky. It seemed that the bright peaks laughed together when the swift shadows of the clouds swept over them. David laughed too, even as comrade to comrade. Were not the mountains also working for righteousness? (It did not occur to him that they had been long about it, then, with the end still so far to seek.) He put his hand on the top rail of a fence and vaulted it easily. Then he ran down a little hill and leaped the brook at its foot. How good it was to be living today in the midst of all this beauty! Nothing in heaven or earth seemed impossible to him, nothing. The rule of the heavens was God's; they were safe. And, under God, man on the earth, what might he not hope to accomplish? Capability, boundless, invincible, exalted him above the mountains. He was young, he was strong—he was ignorant. Whether it be indeed an influx of the universal Power that possesses a man at such times, flooding his narrow inlet with omnipotence which he mistakes for his own; or whether it be rather prophecy, premonition of what he shall yet accomplish in future great prevailings beyond the trammelled earth, who shall say? To each of us comes the summons; we are all at some moment gods. Then the work and the failure. But who knows? Shall a vision lie?

In the kitchen of the farm-house Cousin Peggy was getting breakfast.

"Winding down through the night," she sang cheerfully, stirring the omelette. "Peggy!" lamented Cousin Joseph.

He put a would-be doleful face in at the kitchen door, but saw the omelette, and relented.

"Never mind. I just thought maybe you'd know what you'd done with my glasses," he concluded lamely but serenely, coming in.

"Which pair?" asked Cousin Peggy. She handed the egg-beater over to Cousin Martha.

"Had you better leave the omelette?" said Cousin Joseph anxiously. "My sight-glasses," he added instantly, obedient to his wife's gesture. Her quickness never failed to startle him, even as his calmness, strengthening and upholding her, yet touched her sometimes with brief impatience, adoring impatience, if the use of the term be clear.

"Sight-glasses," conveyed to Cousin Peggy a distinction below the surface. She trotted briskly into the sitting-room. First she looked on top of the clock; then she shook out the folds of the evening paper; then she turned back the sofa cushions.

David, bounding up the piazza steps in two leaps, recognized her time-honored occupation, and fell to helping her. Any useful outlet for his pent-up activity was good. "Here they are, Cousin Peggy," he cried.

Cousin Peggy shook her head.

"Well, here, then, at least." His fingers were in the match-safe.

Again Cousin Peggy's gesture was negative.

"He keeps those there on purpose," she said. "They're for evening reading. No, no, David, not in the Bible. Those are his Sunday glasses. Be careful, boy;" David's hand was on the inkstand, "he writes his letters with those."

David laughed and drew back against the wall, feeling his masculine impotence. "I give up," he submitted.

"Well, there now, did you ever!"

Cousin Peggy's eyes attached themselves suddenly, with a look of admiring wonder, to a picture above David's head. He turned and followed her gaze. Across the frame of the picture, the missing glasses sat jauntily astride, peering down into the room with an air of mockery that was indescribably flippant and assertive.

"That's it, Peggy; that's it," said Cousin Joseph, hurrying in from the kitchen. "I knew you'd remember if I only gave you time. You see your old husband has got some sense of order after all, hasn't he? I decided last night to keep them there regularly. We mustn't forget again." And he took down the glasses proudly.

Cousin Peggy boxed his ears. Then she patted his coat-sleeve slyly, with an air of supposing that David could not see, and trotted back to her omelette.

The breakfast which ensued shortly after was a state affair. That meant that it was uncommonly merry. Other households might see fit, if they chose, to hold state in formal fashion; not so the Carters. The greater their occasion for stateliness, the jollier they became. Cousin Martha, hovering behind David, plied him with golden-brown cakes.

"You'll do," observed Cousin Joseph.

"Do?" David looked up inquiring, syrup-jug in hand.

"Your head's not all in the clouds. I guess you'll win out, Professor."

David laughed appreciatively.

"Good-by, Cousin Peggy," he said a little later, pausing in the kitchen door. Cousin Peggy wiped her hands on her

apron, then reached up and laid them on his shoulders.

"Come down here," she commanded.

Blushing, David obeyed, and she kissed him on the forehead.

"Now go along," she declared, giving him a businesslike little push, lest sentiment go too far.

Out in the valley, the day was still glad, though soberer, quieter. The shifting lights on the mountains had become a steady shining. The first leap of morning was past, and the gradual progress of all things apparent again. David, too, was sober. He walked down the road to his schoolhouse, not turning to look at Mount Mercy, though he felt it over his shoulder, behind him, above him. His late exultation was as though shorn of its wings, establishing itself within him. He was serious, thoughtful. Entering the empty schoolhouse, he laid his hand on the bell rope. The fashioning of the purpose had begun.

IV.

Up the road, down the road, by cross-cuts over the meadow, everywhere, running, scampering, came the district children. Little girls in checked aprons, with bobbing braids of hair. Little boys, barefooted, swaggering, *nonchalant*. Groups of four or five children, hurrying along together, their small feet keeping no manner of time, yet preserving a sort of central unity, after all, like the legs of a moving centipede viewed transversely.

There were, as a matter of fact, only fifteen children in all, but to David they seemed an army. He stood in the schoolhouse door watching them come, very tall and straight, he, the teacher, very dignified—very anxious. Only to an older, discerning person, however, would the anxiety have been apparent. The children thought him venerable. Pausing at a respectful distance from the schoolhouse, they gave themselves up in silence to the task of surveying him, their eyes non-committal, unswerving. They seemed like sheep when a stranger invades the pasture. David laughed, and held out his hand.

"Good morning. Come nearer," he said.

A little boy with impenetrable black eyes gave a sudden, astonishing yelp, and precipitated himself at the door. David caught him in mid-air. "What's"—he began; then a titter from the crowd admonished him. "O, I understand," he said. "Well, I don't care much for kicking, myself. I'll tell you why by and by, and maybe you won't, either, then. But meantime I'm glad to meet you, sir. Will you tell me your name?" He looked down with respectful friendliness into the black eyes.

"Duck," replied their owner briefly.

"Duck? D-u-c-k?"

"No'm," laconically. The Cliff Hollow district was inured to lady teachers.

A small girl, whose keen gray eyes had looked upon some half a summer more than black eyes, edged her way forward a little. The crowd closed in with her.

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"His father was a Frenchy," she explained to David. "That's why they named him Duck."

"O!" David stood enlightened. "I understand. Due who?"

Black eyes pulled himself suddenly loose.

"Wideawake," he answered over his shoulder, marching into the schoolhouse.

"It's what his Frenchy name means," the little girl explained again. "My name's Susan Matilda Barlow, and hers is Jennie Parsons, and hers is Luella Jenks."

The ice was thoroughly broken now, so far, at least, as the feminine part of the assembly was concerned. It was the subject of their neighbors that had done it. They chattered like gossiping magpies as they swarmed into the schoolhouse, pelting David with information.

"Her mamma don't live at home very much," vouchsafed Luella Jenks, indicating a shy little girl in blue.

"No, and my mamma says I'm not to play with her."

Susan Matilda Barlow drew herself up with an air of immense superiority.

David paused on his way to the platform, and laid his hand on the head of the shy little girl.

"You and I must be friends," he said.

"Don't your mamma live at home either?" Susan inquired shrewdly.

"My mamma"—David's voice was quiet, though it had a curious mixture of sternness and pity in it, "my mamma is in heaven."

"O!" said Susan Matilda.

Erect on the platform, beside his desk, waiting for the school to come to order, the new teacher presented a notable picture. But there was no one present to realize just how impressive he was, in the midst of his plain surroundings. The shy little girl looked up at him worshipfully once or twice, but her interest was purely personal; she had no eye for the æsthetic. As for the other children, they had eyes only for the safe bestowal of their lunch-baskets in their desks. The coming to order was deafening.

Ruth Eldridge smiled at the uproar, as she came down the road through the bright September sunshine, leading Nancy, her little sister. The smile was enigmatic. It might have meant any one of several things. As a matter of fact, it probably meant them all.

Ruth had not yet seen David. She paused by the side of the road, and picked a regal stalk of golden-rod, which she thrust through the belt of her dark blue gown. It lighted up as by magic, not only the gown, but the heavy coils of dark hair above it, and the dark and shining eyes.

"Pretty, Nancy?" Ruth inquired, meaning the golden-rod.

"Beautiful," Nancy answered, with earnest, loving gaze, not meaning the golden-rod.

They understood each other.

In the open door of the schoolhouse, they stood for a moment unobserved, looking in, the two sisters, so different, so similar. It was a moment for the taking of notes, also different and similar. Over the sea of little heads, subsiding now into quiet, David's slender figure presided, tall and straight. Behind him, a map of the United States hung itself

out, enormous, across the wall; his head was in Canada. Beneath him, the floor lay bare; and around him the white-washed walls were devoid of ornament.

No plainer kingdom, surely, did ever man find to rule. But the beauty of the outside world did its sympathetic best to break in and lend adornment. Through the windows, a flood of sunlight poured golden, radiant, touching the rough desks into some show of grace, and lying in pools of trembling brightness on the floor. David's eyes caught the light, and shone intensely blue. His fair hair was as the nimbus of some old warrior-saint in a mediæval window. His face was glowing, though grave enough withal. To Nancy, knowing nothing of warrior-saints, he seemed like East Peak a little, so very tall and straight, with grandeur in his bearing. But how he appeared to Ruth it would be hard to say. She observed him thoughtfully at first, her face as grave as his; then suddenly she smiled. She was not in reality older than David, though she looked so, being mature for her years; but she was a woman, and she read his youth. Her eyes half mothered, half laughed at him from the distance.

"This is your little girl? You have brought her to school?"

David had crossed the room with a stride, perceiving at last the presence of the new-comers, and stood courteously before Ruth.

How about the expression of the dark eyes now? They had already ceased to mother the new school-teacher promptly on his approach, clothing themselves with a decorous reserve. At his inopportune question, they stared first, in genuine surprise; then flashed out; then wavered, hesitated, as a bird on the wing, poised between two flights; and ended by brimming over with a sparkle of merriment. David felt vaguely bewildered. The phenomenon Woman had never entered into his studies or meditations. Sometimes, in secret imaginings, rare and world-remote, he had holly viewed Madonnas with seraphic brows, enthroned on clouds above him, and had worshiped them reverently. But he never indulged such visions. Of the form and life of mountains, their being, their lights and shades, David knew many things; of woman, scarcely a fact.

"This is my sister, Nancy Eldridge," said Ruth with dignity. "I am Miss Eldridge. It has always been my custom to walk to school with my sister. I will leave her now with you."

She gently freed her hand from Nancy's clasp.

David did not apologize for his stupid mistake. Such a mode of proceeding never occurred to him, nor even the fact that he had been stupid. He merely bowed politely when Ruth so stately designated herself, then held out his hand to Nancy. Children, like mountains, he fearlessly knew and loved. Nancy looked up in his face. Her serious gray eyes, thoughtful beyond her years, yet very childlike and simple, studied him for a moment. Then she smiled and nestled her small hand closer in his. They were friends on the instant.

"Good-by, Nancy," said Ruth.

There was a curious shade in her voice. Nancy was the most adored object in the elder sister's world, her baby, left to her

care at the mother's death six years ago. Never yet had friend or foe come between them. She waited, half proud, half wistful.

Nancy pulled her hand free from David, and flung her arms about her sister's neck, Ruth stooping to receive her.

"Dear, dear sister Ruth!" she cried.

It was a charming picture in its utter unconsciousness, as simple and true as the mountains. If David had only realized, here, too, was the greatness of nature. But he looked calmly over the heads of the sisters, up at the crest of East Peak. That he should once more observe this excellent mountain before he began his work, he supposed to have been the design of Providence in calling him to the door. When Ruth turned away, he bowed again courteously, and, receiving back Nancy's hand, re-entered the schoolroom. It was nothing to him, he had not noticed, in fact, that the eyes of the elder sister, intending a distant acknowledgment, had unconsciously been too tender with their little-sister love to do credit to the pride of their owner. "My heart leaps up," he quoted softly to himself, thinking of East Peak. Certainly it does, thou David; thy heart at least is no dullard; and mountains and rainbows are not the only objects it deigns to behold in its sky.

That the whitewashed walls of the Cliff Hollow district schoolhouse echoed that morning the words of a doctrine new to them is hardly to be questioned. Faithfully, year after year, they had repeated the Rule of Three, droned the wisdom of various "Readers," halted down ranks of words. Excellent echoes these were to give back, and indispensable to the right up-bringing of Lincoln youth. Still it is probable that if air-waves left visible sign, the record written upon the walls would appear monotonous. Now, on a sudden, what a change, what surprising letters of gold! They marched down across the tangle of sums and rules like a triumphal procession. Perhaps, when all was done, if one looked aright, the walls of the Sistine Chapel were no fairer to look upon.

The eloquence was quite simple, consisting for the most part of mere statement of fact. The children could hardly help understanding, whether or not they fully comprehended. They certainly listened intently enough, their small, watchful faces upturned, studying the new teacher. They liked him. There were interesting ups and downs in his voice; and one never could tell when next he was going to smile, so it was worth while to watch. As for what he said—well, no, it was not strange; nothing is strange under twelve. They lived, it appeared, in a beautiful valley, one of the most beautiful valleys God had ever made. (Susan Matilda looked here a little shocked, not being used to the sound out of church; but Duck winked.) The mountains about them—East Peak, Mount Mercy, Bare Hill, Cleft Mountain—were not just piles of earth, did one ever think of that? They were very pleasant to look at because they were strong and graceful, noble in their shape. But that was not all either. They were capable of being real companions to the people who live among them. A mountain for a friend? Certainly, nothing

simpler. They were ready enough for their part, Mount Mercy and East Peak; that was what they were there for. It lay with the people to accept or reject their advances. In what did the friendship consist? Well, how was it with other friends? They knew one another by the shape of their faces, did they not, the color of their eyes and hair? Just so we know East Peak by its sharp crest, and Bare Hill by its open pasture. Then friends like to be with each other. It isn't always that they want to talk. Sometimes they play along together for half an hour without saying a word; yet neither forgets for a moment that the other one is there. Just so, when we're out in the fields, though Mount Mercy certainly does not say much about it, we know that she is there, and we like to feel her presence, we could not be lonely with her. Think for a moment how it would be if she were taken away, and that side of the valley left bare. Should we not miss her, perhaps?

The good deeds which the mountains do us are almost too many to mention. They break the force of the wind lest it hurt the valley, they send down brooks to water the fields, they summon the rain, they yield fuel to make our fires, they feed our cows and sheep. Truly we ought to thank them every day for their friendly offices. But the best of their services after all—and this may seem strange at first—is not so much anything that they do, as simply what they are, entirely beautiful. Perhaps they were not always so; they have lived a long, long time. They have had to fight with heat and cold, and tempests far more terrible than any we have now. They have been torn up with earthquakes, and pounded and scarred with ice. If we only knew, we little men, who can look back such a short time, we might wonder how they ever came through such tremendous struggles at all. But they did come through and were made quite beautiful. There is no moment now of the day or year, summer and winter, sunshine and storm, when they are not just what they should be; they have learned how to live. Think what an honor to have such beings for friends! Also what a responsibility! For it means that we, for our part, can, and must, and shall in the end be like them, be ourselves just what we should be and therefore beautiful. Not in our bodies, perhaps—that doesn't matter—but beautiful in our lives. O surely, yes we can. As yet it may be that people, men and women, little boys and little girls, have not gotten so far along in this matter of living as East Peak. But then people are not so old. They have not all learned to be patient and humble and kind and strong, and, above all, obedient. Obedient, that's the thing. When one thinks how God can do absolutely what he wants to with Mount Mercy, how there is not a grain of sand in the mountain that would think of resisting his will, one begins to understand why she is so beautiful. If only"—

David paused a moment. His spirit leaped to the desired goal as if it would carry with it not only his own shortcomings but also the valley of Lincoln and also the great round world. That would be nothing.

"It shall be so in the end, I know," he

said in a voice which made the children look at him more closely than ever, though his gaze was over their heads, "and perhaps it won't be so long. We shall all be quiet and perfectly good, and the mountains will have helped us along."

For another moment he mused with a look absorbed, then he remembered his audience, and returned to it, self-reproachful. The reproach, however, was unnecessary, and that he understood, as he met the various pairs of eyes regarding him steadfastly. Children gather more from what is beyond them than is commonly credited. Indeed, what is it but mystery that forms their natural element, behind, before and within? They are at home with wonder. And earnestness of feeling, no matter on what subject, wins always their attention. It would be of course too much to say that they understood all that David had been saying. Mountains for friends? To imitate Mount Mercy? Luella Jenks, being possessed of a limited imagination, saw herself planted with rocks and trees, and suffered a hopeless confusion. Duck Wideawake was scornful; part of Mount Mercy was his father's cow pasture. But Nancy Eldridge, on the other hand, was filled with pride and pleasure. She loved the Lincoln mountains, and to see them thus recognized and exalted was matter for rejoicing with her. The other children, in their varying degrees of quickness and dullness, felt that at least something new was here, and reached out after it bravely. Happy, triumphant season when nothing is conceived of as impossible of comprehension! David was reassured.

"It will be splendid, won't it?" he said, glancing from face to face. "But we've got to work, I tell you. It won't do to sit still. And that brings me to a story."

His voice changed somewhat here, and the children sat up straighter. It may have been the magic term, "a story," that affected them all. Duck imprisoned the flies he had caught in his handkerchief, and prepared to listen.

"There was once on a time," began David, and the room was hushed.

It was a fine recital. David's imagination had taken fire by this time; moreover, being stretched to the apprehension of the abstract, it fell easily about the concrete, and clothed it in shining completeness. It was even as eye-witness that he described the founding of the ancient Order of the Knights of the Round Table, the gracious deeds of King Arthur, the high purposes and the vows. In some such beautiful valley as this, it was, perhaps. Yes, up the Lincoln valley the stately pageant swept. Rejoicing knights and ladies laughed out across the fields. Sir Lancelot, through Cleft Mountain gorge, came charging gloriously. Arms rang and bugles sounded. It was a martial scene. Unconsciously to David the words of the grand old fable, as he repeated them, stirred the boy in him into action, the boy never far to seek, and it was rather as comrade to comrade than as teacher to pupil that he talked. His face was flushed when he came to a pause. "Wasn't it splendid?" he cried.

Yes, there was no doubt about it, it was splendid. Duck forgot himself, gave a faint cheer, and lost all the flies he had caught, by reason of waving his hand.

"Well, Duck, what is it?"

"I choose to be Sir Lancelot."

There was at any rate no dullness in Duck's intelligence, however matters might stand with him when it came to perversity. He saw the point at issue. David rejoiced over him, though he checked him gently now.

"Not so fast, not so fast, Duck," he said; "we have not come to naming yet. There is ever so much more to tell. You must wait."

He pulled out his watch. To his surprise, he had been talking an hour. He had not meant to take quite so much time away from the ordinary school routine even for an opening speech. He stood back, drew a long breath, as one who says, "Well!" and leaves an enthralling subject; then he took up an arithmetic book.

"To fight with fractions is one of our duties as knights," he said cheerfully. "The class in fractions will form."

A small hand went up in the corner.

"Well, Nancy?" He waited, inquiring.

"And the mountains, Mr. Bruce?"

Nancy's loyalty, being of a steadfast kind, had reverted from knights, thrilling though they certainly were, back to mountains, the grave old friends. She would not have them lost sight of in the midst of stirring episode. There was a connection, she apprehended, between the first and the second halves of the morning's talk. David responded promptly.

"And the mountains. Thank you, Nancy. I ought to have made that clear."

For a moment again he looked over the heads of the children, out through the open door.

"Banded together from the foundations of the earth, from the beginning of time; what an invincible order!" he he said half to himself. Then aloud, in a different tone: "The mountains are knights, too, Nancy; you will see how it is; I will tell you, along with the rest of the story. We are all of us knights together, they and we, with just one work to do—all the world one great work."

He smiled reassuringly, holding the child's eyes a moment. That his young audience should be puzzled was matter neither of surprise nor of regret to him. Perplexity was good. What else was the first stage of any growth? If he had accomplished nothing else that morning, he had at least seen to it that for once in their lives his pupils were thoroughly mystified. Humor touched him suddenly in the midst of all his earnestness, at the thought of the great bewilderment of infant minds cast loose in transcendental philosophy, and he almost laughed aloud; but he did not relent. The memory of the dear amazement of his own early days, beautiful with wonder, was present with him yet.

Doubtless it was, thou David, not yet so very old. The guardian angel of school-rooms must have laughed, beholding him so wise in the midst of his pupils. When did his days cease to be mystical, and when did he learn so much?

The rest of the day went by soberly enough. The whitewashed walls re-echoed familiar sounds again. Beneath the letters of gold, once more sums and ranks of words. The old régime was in

force. Yet still there was a difference. The dullest child felt vaguely that the teaching of Mr. David Bruce was not as the teaching of Miss Murphy, and adapted itself to the change with the ready, unconscious flexibility of childhood. The walls could have said, for one thing, that never had they echoed fewer sounds of disorder. And Duck missed only five words.

"Good-by," David said at the end of the afternoon session.

He stood in the doorway, shaking hands one by one with the children. The shy little girl, whose name was Lucy Bridges, lingered and hesitated, her eyes upon his face. He held her hand a moment.

"I shall come to see you, sometime, Lucy," he promised.

Nancy passed out in her turn. She looked at the teacher gravely. He seemed to her august, like a prophet,—what did Nancy know of prophets?—like a book, then, personified, a blue and gold book, such as she took from the lowest shelf in her father's library, and read with forgetful pleasure on the kitchen window-sill. It was only the blue and gold book that had ever told her such wonderful things as David. And just as, towards the book, in the midst of all her respect, she had yet a feeling of unabashed comradeship, so also with David she felt no restraint.

The last child being gone, he turned back into the schoolroom, and put his books away. He whistled softly under his breath. The morning of the day, after all, does not hold the day's best gladness.

(To be continued.)

Both Sides the Brooklyn Bridge

(The Congregationalist may be obtained in New York at the Congregational bookstore, 156 Fifth Avenue; in Brooklyn at T. B. Ventres, 597 Fulton Street, and C. F. Halsey, Plymouth Church.)

Pastor Wagner and Men

Two thousand men were turned away from the Grand Opera House on Sunday who wanted to hear Pastor Wagner at the Twenty-third Street Y. M. C. A. meeting. Hon. Seth Low presided over an audience that packed the house to the ceiling and crowded the stage to its doors. Prolonged applause greeted the speaker. The theme, The Essentials of Religion, gripped the men hard, and almost the entire audience waited after Dr. Wagner had hurried away to hear Dr. Burrell conclude the service. The same scenes were repeated at the Brooklyn meeting in Dr. Carson's church, where, after the open-air service under Dr. Cadman and others, and the procession, it is estimated that 3,000 were unable to get in. The address was repeated with slight variations, and is to be printed and distributed through the Y. M. C. A. branches.

On Monday night Pastor Wagner passed from a banquet on Fifth Avenue, given by R. C. Ogden, to the Bowery Mission. Reaching there with Dr. Klopsch at nearly midnight, behold victims of sin and ignorance awaited him. He studied them as they sang many hymns, and then said, "I see a page in every face, and in some faces a whole book, and I would rather read it than any book in the world." He described his boyhood life and early struggles, and closed with an inspiring illustration—"the song of the lark." Then followed the scene which he had been waiting to see since coming to America: coffee and rolls for a thousand. Every man passing him got a hearty grasp and a kindly word.

Brooklyn Congregational Club

Its Thanksgiving meeting was held Nov. 28 in the Pouch Gallery with unusual attendance. Rev. L. L. Taylor presided.

Dr. H. P. Dewey's address was on The Puritan as a Preacher. He spoke of the virtues, scholarship and strength of preachers such as John Eliot, John Cotton, Thomas Hooker and others. He told of a Mr. Torrey who in the earlier history of Harvard College prayed before the students two hours, ceasing for want of time, and added that the students would have been glad to have him continue another hour. "We do not want the gloom of the Puritan preacher, but we do want his seriousness. We need more preachers who are not caught by an itching for a hearing. We should be willing to die under a decent flag."

Dr. C. B. McAfee, who has just begun his pastorate at the Lafayette Avenue Presbyterian Church (Dr. Cuyler's), spoke effectively upon the Puritan as a Church Builder. He told of a question which his little boy had asked him as he was leaving home. "Where do you speak tonight?" He replied, "Before the Congregational Club." The son added, "And are they all going to become Presbyterians?" He replied, "Yes, when they get to heaven." He said, "My church is located halfway between the church of the Pilgrims and the church of the Puritans, and there is just about where I stand." We owe to the Puritans and the Presbyterians very largely the Christianization of the nation. He spoke enthusiastically of Leavening the Nation, not knowing that the author, Dr. Clark, was one of his hearers.

The closing address on The National Council was by Dr. Cadman. He spoke enthusiastically of the recent session in Des Moines and said that at last the Congregational denomination had found itself. He paid a high tribute to Drs. Bradford and Gladden as moderators. He insisted that at the next National Council there should be an equal number of laymen and that they should bear a prominent part not only on the floor, but from the platform. A weakness of the recent council was in the limited time given to the discussion of questions of great moment. He spoke impressively of the "revival fire" which broke out at Des Moines and which Dr. Dawson calls the "new revival." He feels that the signs of a revival are plainly manifest in Brooklyn and elsewhere. The meeting was of unusual interest and power.

Flushing's Loss

On Sunday, Nov. 29, Rev. Prof. J. E. Frame read the resignation as pastor at Flushing church of Rev. Albert P. Fitch, who that day was preaching at Bryn Mawr, and who had accepted the call of Mt. Vernon Church, Boston. Mr. Fitch's deacons and trustees urged him to accept the invitation, though it meant their own keen sorrow and loss. In two years he has endeared himself to the hearts of his people, and gained the high respect of the town. The church has made progress every way. Over twenty members have united this year. The spiritual life of the people has been deepened, and practical service developed. The literary and artistic tastes of the pastor have encouraged Christian culture. Midweek services have been used for thorough study of hymnology and church history, as well as for intensifying the inner life. A broad and deep scholarship in the sermons has emerged with plain and simple interpretation. The Young People's Society has been reconstructed into an organization known as the Alliance, with its threefold object, "worship, practical service, mutual benefit." Mr. Fitch begins work in Boston Feb. 1, and hopes before leaving Flushing to see his successor installed, thus avoiding any break in the pulpit ministration.

Christ Church Developments

Rev. H. M. Brown and his wife were serenaded on the occasion of their tenth anniversary, with the tintinnabulation of various timely gifts, chief among them a bread-pan, said to contain "dough." When unwrapped, the dough was found to be golden.

This church having attained its tenth year, begins to publish a salender and increase its organizations. The latest is the Arista, formed by the boys of Sunday school, Class 2, ages eighteen to twenty, to care for the interests of the younger boys of the neighborhood, twelve years and over, by providing games, books, etc., a fife and drum corps, and a savings bank. The name is to be emphasized so that all shall seek only "the best." The work originated among the boys themselves. SYDNEY.

In and Around Chicago

(The Congregationalist may be found in Chicago at the Congregational bookstore, 175 Wabash Avenue.)

Church Endowment

Several of our down-town churches must be endowed or their future existence will be jeopardized and their usefulness crippled. Through a provision in the will of the late John Crerar, the Second Presbyterian Church has \$100,000 at its disposal for use, if need be, for current expenses. Grace Episcopal Church is seeking an endowment of at least that sum. First Congregational and Union Park Churches have each made a beginning, but the largest endowment yet secured has just been obtained by St. James Episcopal Church, Dr. James Stone, rector, who asked for \$250,000 and secured it in little more than a week.

Work in Hawaii

Last Monday morning Rev. Dr. Doremus Scudder, formerly a resident among us and founder of Doremus Mission, gave the ministers a full and clear statement of conditions in Hawaii. The A. M. A. has voted to give Dr. Scudder and his associates in Hawaii, for the work there among the natives, the Portuguese, the Chinese and the Japanese, \$9,000 a year. Dr. Scudder believes it possible for Congregationalists to revive waning interest in Christianity on the part of the natives, and restore congregations to church edifices long disused, and to reach Japan and China through the representatives of those countries now living on the islands. It is a long time since the needs of so important a field of mission work have been so vividly laid before us.

Visit of Dr. Walderstrom

Members of the Swedish mission churches are not the only persons in this country who take a deep interest in the visit of this distinguished man. He comes as the representative and leader of between 1,200 and 1,300 churches in Sweden to encourage and advise between 60,000 and 75,000 church members in this country. He has traveled from Montreal to Vancouver, down the Western coast, overland to Chicago, visiting mission churches in all the important centers and at the end of the year will return to his work at home. Monday evening, with a few of the leaders of these churches, he was entertained by Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Blatchford, and he gave an account of his travels and a brief report of the conditions of the churches in Sweden. In addition to providing for their own wants, they support missions in the Congo State and in China, while the churches in this country support missions in China and in Alaska. Altogether their Christian life is vigorous, their growth healthy and encouraging. The church paper, published in Chicago, has a circulation of more than 20,000. Dr. Walderstrom spoke in German, with Professor Scott of our seminary as interpreter. In no other home in the city have there been during the last twenty-five years so many gatherings of Christian men of different denominations out of which such important results have come as in the home of Mr. Blatchford. Nowhere else can hospitality be more genuine or interest in matters which concern the kingdom of God more evident.

Rev. Moses Smith, D. D.

Dr. Smith passed away Wednesday night, Nov. 30, at the age of seventy-four. He was

a graduate of Yale College, 1852, and seminary some years later. Dr. Smith began his ministry in Connecticut, his native state, served as chaplain of a Connecticut regiment during the Civil War, and was called from his Eastern pastorate to Chicago. He was the first pastor of Leavitt Street Congregational Church, Chicago, going there in 1869, whence he was called in 1874 to Jackson, Mich., and thence to Woodward Avenue Church, Detroit. After a long and useful pastorate there he retired in 1888 to Glenoee, near Chicago, where he served more than a decade, leaving to the regret of all the people only after he had entirely lost his sight. He took up his abode in the house he had built during his residence in Chicago, and died there. In all his parishes there was, during his service, both material and spiritual gain. His interest in church work and in the progress of the denomination continued to the last. During his last illness he dwelt continually upon the words of Christ, quoting them as long as he could speak. Mrs. Smith has long been president of the W. B. M. I. To her and his family the heartiest sympathy is extended. Funeral services were held in Leavitt Street Church, Saturday afternoon, Dec. 3, Dr. Gunsaulus preaching the sermon.

Dr. Tompkins Takes a Parish

After acting as secretary of the Illinois Home Missionary Society for twenty-five years, Dr. James Tompkins has asked the permission of the directors to withdraw from that work in order to accept a call to the church at Alto Pass in southern Illinois. This church will be yoked with another, and in serving them Dr. Tompkins will exercise a kind of supervision over the entire Southern Association—a body which came into existence during his superintendency. While Dr. Tompkins is looking for improvement in health from a residence in a warmer and dryer climate, he is still vigorous and as able to do good work in the ministry as when he was pastor at Kewaunee nearly thirty years ago.

Chicago, Dec. 3.

FRANKLIN.

Woman's Board Friday Meeting

CONGREGATIONAL HOUSE, BOSTON, DEC. 2

Mrs. George Huntington of Lynn presided. Mrs. Capron explained the use of some "prayer sheets" recently issued by the Woman's Board—collections of brief prayers which may easily be cut and distributed, so that many may take active part in the devotional service.

The missionaries in North China on the week's calendar were reported and prayed for. Miss Lamson read a letter from Miss Andrews, describing the work of the Bible women and other native helpers. She says, "We notice with pleasure that our women are coming to take more responsibility for the work, so that it goes on uninterruptedly in our absence"; and notes their willingness to do volunteer work.

Education

Harvard University has taken to observing each year with special exercises in its chapel the anniversary of the baptism of John Harvard at St. Savior's Church, Southwark, London, Nov. 29, 1607. The date of his birth is not known, so this day is selected for doing reverence to a founder.

President Faunce of Brown University returns from a trip to the South and West impressed with the plasticity of educational life there, its readiness to adapt itself to new needs and new ideals, and this far more readily than is the case with Eastern institutions of learning. He sees signs of a reaction against co-education. In the Southwest he found Indians welcomed to schools with whites where the Negro could not gain admittance.

When Harvard's library was burned in the middle of the eighteenth century the National

Library at Turin, Italy, came to her aid and sent from its surplus store a beginning of Harvard's present enormous collection. Last year fire injured the collection of the National Library in Turin, and now Harvard, remembering the good deed done her, reciprocates in kind and sends to Turin a collection of one hundred books on romance, law and history.

The Daily Portion

THE HANDBOOK BIBLE READINGS

BY ISAAC OGDEN HANKIN

Dec. 11, Sunday. *New Heaven and Earth.*—Rev. 21: 1-8.

Notice the deprivations of the vision. No more sea, which to the ancient world was the treacherous world of storm, the barren waste from which the robber and the pirate swooped, like hawks from the heights of air. No more tears or pain. These are the first things which are to pass away; the consummation is a great and holy social state, of God's own planning, in which God himself shall tabernacle with men. To this ideal we all are looking, from the fountain of this life and hope we all may drink. *Father, who takest thought for us and who desirest to dwell with us, so hasten the coming of Thy kingdom in our hearts by the indwelling of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may be fit citizens of Thy holy city. And may our waiting and endeavor be cheered and lightened by the expectation of the triumph of Thy Son, our Lord.*

Dec. 12. *The Bride.*—Rev. 21: 9-14.

The keynote of these song visions is the preparation of the Bride of the Lamb. The social life is always in the range of thought. No Christian can be saved alone; there are no anchorites in the heavenly city. Do not press details; the Semite mind had no sense of incongruity in mixed metaphors. Note the conjunction of Old and New Covenant history, the tribes of Israel, the apostles of the Lamb.

Dec. 13. *The Light of God.*—Rev. 21: 15-27.

For the city and its measurements compare Ezekiel's vision [Ezek. 40]. Contrast the earthly and the heavenly cities, one with its temple to which all come for worship, the other with no temple because God, who is light, everywhere manifests himself. The angels at the gates hold no fiery sword as in Eden, yet nothing defiling can enter. God is the light, the Lamb is the lamp—"Ye are the light of the world" [Matt. 5: 14]. It is given to us to show the glory of the heavenly city.

Dec. 14. *Heavenly Service.*—Rev. 22: 1-5.

That is no idle life, although true rest. The flowing river means much to the dwellers in dry lands. Note the survival of the months, the year is still earth's year. The nations are without, there is still need of healing. All points to communion with God and men, to happiness and ministry. If this be a true picture, the right preparation for citizenship in the heavenly city is by giving our hearts to service here.

Dec. 15. *The Water of Life.*—Rev. 22: 6-21.

The tree of life, the water of life are widespread ethnic ideas. The first plays its part in the Eden narrative [Gen. 2: 9-22]; the second is Christ's chosen figure for his gift to men, compare Isa. 55. What was ideal in man's desire comes true in the fulfillment of God's gift through Christ. Note the freedom of the gift, but note also that man may render himself incapable of enjoying it.

Dec. 16. *Rebellious Children.*—Isa. 1: 1-9.

Jehovah speaks to Israel as a father. What a picture of the ruin which sin brings! The blindness wrought by evil stands out here, as often in this book. It is the judgment on accepted evil that he who will not see at last cannot see.

Dec. 17. *A Call to Repent.*—Isa. 1: 10-20.

Sin does not bring us to despair, but cherished sin. And when it is evil in pretending

saints it becomes a kind of sacrilege. God's horror of hypocrisy stands out clearly here. But note the completeness of God's mercy—scarlet to snow, crimson to wool. Note also the co-operation of the repentant sinner—wash, put away, cease, learn, seek, relieve, judge, plead. The life of God's child is a life of social as well as private ministries. And note how God cares for the poor and helpless of the earth.

Biographical

A CHRISTIAN PHILANTHROPIST

In the death of Mr. Egerton R. Burpee of Bangor, a noble Christian layman and philanthropist has gone from us. While a prominent member and deacon in Central Church, Bangor, his help and sympathy were at the call of every good work and every noble Christian enterprise.

Mr. Burpee represented a high ideal of a Congregational layman. Conservative by nature and education, his conservatism never affected his appreciation of any movement towards progress. Many a weak and struggling church in Maine owes its inspiration and strength today to his generosity and sympathy. While believing intensely in home missions, he was a stronger believer in foreign missions, and was one of the earliest supporters of the American Board's Forward Movement. His sympathy took practical form in leading each of the three churches in Bangor to support their own missionary.

His benevolences were lavishly expended in many channels. To his generosity and untiring energy, Central Church, Bangor, owed not only a new and beautiful church edifice, but a Sunday school building and parish house equipped with every modern improvement.

Quiet, retiring, shrinking from publicity, he ever endeavored to keep in the background. But the worth of such a man could not long be hidden. He was called to many prominent positions in the community and state. He was a member of the board of trustees of Bangor Theological Seminary, a trustee of the Maine Missionary Society and a corporate member of the American Board. During the last year, Mr. Burpee was compelled by illness to lay aside much of his work; but his interest never flagged.

Large-hearted, generous, untiring in service, thoughtful and sympathetic for the poor, a man of prayer and devotion. He was a modern Barnabas, revealing the qualities of his prototype, "a good man, and full of the Holy Spirit and of faith," amid the strenuous demands of a twentieth century Christianity. J. S. P.

A VETERAN CONNECTICUT PASTOR

Rev. Sylvanus Pratt Marvin, for forty years pastor in Woodbridge, Ct., died in office on Thanksgiving Day. Mr. Marvin was one of the oldest as well as longest settled pastors in the state, and was widely known and loved. He was born in March, 1822, in Old Lyme, Ct., and graduated from Yale College in the class of 1847, and from the Divinity School three years later. Mr. Marvin was ordained and installed in Jamestown, N. Y., in 1851 and remained there till 1857. He then removed to Franklin, Delaware Co., where he was called to be pastor, but declined, remaining however for three years as stated supply. It was during his stay here that a great revival occurred in the church, over sixty uniting at one time. At that time, also, Mr. Marvin was instrumental in bringing the Congregational churches of the vicinity together, into the Delaware Association. His next charge was over First Church, Torrington, Ct., from that place he received a unanimous call to Woodbridge, where he was installed Feb. 22, 1865. But he began preaching in December, 1864, so that had he lived a few days longer, he would have completed a full forty years.

A leader of men, he understood the problems of the country parish. In this day of unrest and decay in the rural communities, he held his church together. He was instrumental in building a commodious parish house, in having the interior of the church appropriately decorated and in securing a large and rich-toned organ. He was interested in educational affairs, and actively promoted the higher life of the community. But above all he was interested in, and labored for the spiritual welfare of his flock.

His funeral occurred Sunday, Nov. 27, in his church, which was full to the doors. The service was conducted by Rev. Drs. W. W. McLane and W. W. Leete of New Haven and Rev. B. M. Wright of Orange. F. T. P.

Michigan

Consulting State Editors: Rev. Messrs. J. P. Sanderson, Lansing; R. W. McLaughlin, D. D., Grand Rapids;
J. W. Sutherland, D. D., Detroit

Hospital and Church

A UNIQUE AFFILIATION OF THE TWO IN MICHIGAN

Thursday, Nov. 17, the Hackley Hospital, the gift of Charles H. Hackley, the wealthy lumberman of Muskegon, Mich., was dedicated and opened for use. Mr. Hackley had previously bestowed over \$1,000,000 in gifts to his city, including a library, park, statuary, and a manual training school that is pronounced the most complete in the country.

The hospital is his latest gift, and is as perfect and complete as could be made. It is built on the pavilion plan, having a central administration and service building, with two pavilions for patients connected by corridors with the main building. There is an isolation ward also. The operating department occupies the entire third floor of the administration building. The hospital will accommodate

Not less effectually is Dr. H. P. DeForest doing splendid service in fostering a spirit of practical fellowship among the churches. At the meeting of the State Association last May a committee was appointed to consider two strong papers presented to that body by Dr. DeForest, on Congregational Fellowship and Oversight, and by Rev. J. P. Sanderson on Ministerial Supply, and to suggest some plan for bettering the situation. The committee has prepared a tentative and provisional outline of such a plan of action. "The end to be sought is to create a more vigorous and practical expression of the common life of our churches and to provide a better means of distributing information as to ministers and churches in the hope of lengthening and strengthening pastorates, of shortening vacancies and of securing increased acquaintance and co-operation among the churches." At the recent meeting of the Detroit Association, Dr. DeForest ably presented the outline of the plan of oversight, to which the association gave unanimous and hearty indorsement.

has been organized in First Church with fifty members.

Situated among an entirely different class of people, *Boulevard Church* is exercising a good influence upon a large circle of boys through a vigorous Boys' Club. *North*, with problems distinctively its own, is building itself strongly in the affections of the people. Only two and a half years old, it has attained a membership of nearly 300, and the Sunday school crowds every inch of the temporary chapel. Plans are now being drawn for a permanent building. The pledges toward the debt on *Brewster Church* are being paid as they mature, and another half-year will doubtless see the debt extinguished. With scarce an exception the churches have gained substantially in membership during the past year.

A recent acquisition to our Congregational ministry is Rev. F. C. Pillsbury, D. D., who comes from the Methodist Episcopal Church, where he has had an honored ministry for fifteen years.

J. W. S.

As Viewed from the Capital

A review of the local associations held in late October and early November furnishes abundant evidence of the pervasive and helpful influence of the meeting of the National Council at Des Moines. Michigan sent thirty-three delegates out of a possible thirty-seven to that great meeting. These brethren returned with quickened interest, and a good portion of the time of the local association meetings was given to hearing their reports. Dr. Boynton of Detroit did splendid service in addressing the two northern associations at Charlevoix and Thompsonville upon live matters of our common work. The emphasis given in the National Council to a larger life and better organization met with cordial reception by the representatives of our churches assembled in these meetings.

The tentative report of the State Association committee of five to the local associations relative to closer fellowship and oversight of the churches was approved by every association, thus greatly aiding the committee in formulating their report to the State Association. The local associations approved the provision for ordination by associations under some limitations; that for an executive committee of oversight in each local body; and that for a two-year term for delegates from churches to the association.

A new bond of fellowship appears in the advent, late in November, of *Congregational Michigan*, a handsome twenty-four page quarterly published by the Michigan Home Missionary Society. It has been cordially received and promises to serve a large end in advertising the various interests of our state work. After twenty years of earnest endeavor and personal sacrifice it was found impracticable to sustain a weekly paper, but the need of some means of conveying intelligence of our varied interests was emphasized by the discontinuance last May of the state paper; hence this new enterprise.

The three successful Sunday school conferences held in 1896, 1899 and 1902 have served to awaken interest in the announcement of the state Sunday school committee that the fourth conference will be held in First Church, Grand Rapids, upon the invitation of the churches of that city, Jan. 24-26, 1905. Plans are being perfected for a program of exceptional interest.

Olivet College is moving forward under the guidance of its new president, Rev. E. G. Lancaster, Ph. D., and reports a large enrollment. Benzon Academy is inspired to new endeavor by the timely provisional gift of \$5,000 by Miss E. B. Dickinson of Romeo. A like amount before Jan. 1, 1907, will not only secure this gift but will ensure the permanence of the institution. With no other religious institution of educational character in this large section of the state, there ought to be ready response to this generous challenge.

Michigan Congregationalists read with tender hearts the announcement of the death, at Oberlin, of Rev. E. B. Fairfield, D. D., LL. D. Dr. Fairfield had been president of Hillsdale College, lieutenant-governor of the state, pastor of our church at Manistee; moderator of our state body; was appointed from Michigan as consul to Lyons, France, and was greatly beloved and respected by all who knew him. He and his brother, Rev. Miner W. Fairfield, D. D., who died a few years ago at Ypsil-



about sixty patients. Mr. Hackley has endowed it with \$100,000, including \$40,000 for four free beds. The cost of the building, with the grounds, a ten-acre site in the residence part of the city, is \$220,000.

The hospital was placed by the donor under the care of the First Congregational Church, which elects the board of trustees in whom the title to the property rests. This board of nine men is composed of representatives of the medical-profession and of other churches as well as the Congregational.

The exercises at the dedication were of great interest to the city, and included The Giving and Building of Hackley Hospital, by Mr. Harry Sawyer, chairman of the building committee; an address by Rev. Archibald Hadden, D. D., president of the board of trustees, and one by Dr. James B. Angell, president of Michigan University.

A large number of guests, including Prof. Graham Taylor of Chicago Commons, attended the opening, and it was a gala day for the city. The accompanying cut shows the character and grouping of the buildings. One feature of the day was the announcement of the gift of \$5,000 from H. M. Hovey of Detroit, as a fund for a free bed for the teachers of the public schools.

From the City of Straits

Detroit Congregationalism is much larger than the First Church, yet all the churches in the Congregational fellowship gladly recognize the inspiring influence of the Mother Church. No minister of any denomination in the city addresses a larger or more influential audience, or is more frequently quoted in the daily press than the minister of First Church. In responding to the new responsibilities with which he has been honored as president of the National Home Missionary Society, he is also addressing large audiences throughout the state, to which fruitful work the First Church is magnanimously lending him.

THE BUSINESS MEN'S BIBLE CLASS

This feature, which originated with First Church ten years ago has maintained a high degree of vitality, and has been influential in creating similar classes in other churches. A half dozen such classes now exist in the city, three of them in Congregational churches; others are in Methodist and Presbyterian churches. The classes meet in connection with the Sunday school. The attendance ranges from twenty-five to seventy-five. The subjects at present claiming special attention are various phases of social and practical Christianity.

Leading ministers, physicians, lawyers, judges, business men and working men gladly respond to invitations to address these classes, and not infrequently one speaker addresses all the classes in turn. Denominational distinctions are not taken into account. Worthy men from various churches and from no church are given a respectful hearing, if they have a message. Many laymen have thus been called into active Christian service, and the bonds of fellowship between the denominations have been strengthened. The discussions following the opening address have frequently led the classes to engage in the active and financial support of some good cause. The classes are stimulating the attendance of men at public church services.

IN LOCAL FIELDS

There is nothing spectacular or sporadic in the life of Detroit Congregationalism. Each church seems bent upon knowing its own neighborhood and ministering to its needs as comprehensively as possible. *First* is situated upon the leading avenue, surrounded by splendid homes; yet within ten minutes' walk of the church are 600 Bohemians, and within twenty minutes' walk, 44,000 Poles. On the confines of this district *First* maintains a free kindergarten where an average of thirty-five children are cared for daily. A boys' club meets in the same building on a week night with an average attendance of sixty-five. An hour is spent in reading, games, training in basketry, bent iron work, etc., and another hour in the audience room listening to an address on some practical subject by a competent specialist. The aim is to develop the work into a settlement house. To give financial and active help in this direction a fellowship guild

Ianti, were notable accessions from the ranks of the Free Will Baptist fellowship.

Michigan, too, had the independent voter at the November election. President Roosevelt carried the state by nearly 200,000 plurality, but the head of the state Republican ticket, though elected by a substantial majority, ran 120,000 behind the ticket. Many believe that had it not been a Presidential year the result would have been different.

J. P. S.

From Western Michigan

The influence of the National Council is felt among our churches as a clear, bracing wind. Out of thirty-six delegates elected, thirty-one were present.

Grand Rapids churches are under full swing for the year's work, and hopefulness pervades all. "Old Park," the mother of churches, after a two years' trial has given up the paid superintendent idea and again chosen an energetic and consecrated layman, Mr. Frank Welton, to superintend its large school. Barker Memorial is rejoicing in the splendid work of its young pastor, Mr. W. J. Hamilton, as is also South, under the leadership of Rev. John Gordon. These young men come to us fresh from Chicago Seminary. Second Church, vacant since the resignation of its pastor in June, has at last called Rev. S. T. Morris and is looking forward to prosperous days. East Church is looking in every direction for the right man. Those who read this need not apply, however, as the problem before the committee is how to sift out the applications and secure the man for the hour.

At Jenison a church formed about a year ago, dedicated its first church building Oct. 20. This organization is the only English-speaking one in the community.

R. W. M.

Church and Ministerial Record

Calls

ALLINGTON, A. A., Maple City, Mich., to Cedar and Maple City. Accepts, and is at work.
 BENNETT, F. E. (Presb.), Ontario, to Omena and Sutton's Bay, Mich. Accepts, and is at work.
 BROOKS, WM. E., S. Paris, Me., accepts call to Warren, Ct., not W. E. Brown, as previously printed.
 CRAGG, AMOS E., Helena, Mich., to Pittsford. Accepts, and is at work.
 CRAWFORD, OTIS D., Hartwick, Io., to Granada, Minn. Accepts.
 DAINS, CHAS. H., Crested Butte, Col., to Harmon Ch., Denver. Accepts.
 DELL, GEO. W. (Lutheran), Utica, N. Y., to Carson City, Mich. Accepts, and is at work.
 DIFFENBACHER, BENJ. F., recently of Irvington, Neb., to Saratoga Ch., Omaha. Accepts.
 FRENCH, EDW. G., Johnson, Vt., to Lyndonville, to begin Jan. 1.
 GORTON, PHILO, Bowdler, S. D., to Gettysburg. Declines.
 HAMILTON, WM. J., Chicago Sem., to Barker Memorial Ch., Grand Rapids, Mich. Accepts, and is at work.
 HUGHES, EUGENE B. (Bapt.), Farmers Mills, N. Y., unanimously called to Ch. of the Covenant, Worcester, Mass. Accepts, beginning Jan. 1.
 JONES, JAS. L., Columbia, S. D., to Aitkin, Minn. Accepts.
 KIDDER, JOSIAH, Alburg Springs, Vt., to Westford. Accepts.
 KING, J. D., Turner, Me., to Putney, Vt. Accepts.
 LEVERETT, THEO. L. (Presb.), Dear River and Denmark, N. Y., to Rensselaer Falls. Accepts, and is at work.
 LOWE, C. MARSHALL, Genoa, Neb., to Pilgrim Ch., Lawrence, Kan.
 MARSH, BURTON E., Nora Springs, Io., to Sloan. Accepts, beginning Dec. 11.
 MCKENZIE, GEO. A., London, Ont., accepts call to Forest and Plymouth Chs.
 MOORE, NATHANIEL S., Crown Point, N. Y., to Westfield and Troy, Vt. Accepts.
 MOUSLEY, WM. H., unanimously called to the permanent pastorate at Ticonderoga, N. Y., where he has served for a year.
 MYERS, NOAH J., Chicago, Ill., to Lakeview, Mich. Accepts, and is at work.
 OLIVER, REUFUS C., Rodney and Chippewa Lake, Mich., to Cooks, Isabella and Nahma. Accepts, and is at work.
 PATTEN, ARTHUR B., S. Hadley, Mass., to Santa Rosa, Cal.
 PERKINS, SIDNEY K. B., recalled to Perry, Me.
 PINCH, FRED'K., Chassell, Mich., to Chippewa Lake and Rodney. Accepts, and is at work.
 SCHWAB, S. HERMANN, Zion Ch., Lincoln, Neb., to Loveland, Col. Accepts.
 UPHAM, CLEMENT, to Vanderbilt, Mich. Accepts, and is at work.
 VIERB, PAUL G., Chokio, Minn., accepts call to Lake Benton, and is at work.
 WALLAB, WM. C. A., to remain another year at Little Falls, Minn.

WILLIAMS, WM. J., Peterson, Io., to Rosedale, Cal. Accepts, and is at work.
 WITHERINGTON, H. JAY, Rock Springs, Wyo., to Seneca, Kan.
 WOODRUFF, PURL G., Westville, Fla., to Estelline, S. D. Accepts, and is at work.

Ordinations and Installations

BONNICHSEN, HANS M., o. Rosemond, Ill., Nov. 2. Sermon, Dr. A. M. Brodie; other parts, Rev. Messrs. H. L. Strain, E. E. Frame, O. C. Clark, W. J. Johnson and Dr. J. B. Fairbanks.
 CLEAVER, GEO., o. Kenton and Trout Creek, Mich., Sept. 14.
 ELESSEER, PAUL, o. Central Ch., Boston, Mass., Nov. 20. Sermon, Dr. J. H. Denison; other parts, Rev. Messrs. Joshua Coit, T. S. St. Aubin, C. L. Charron, E. Elsseer, J. E. Lods and Drs. A. E. Plumb, F. E. Emrich and A. E. Dunning.
 JOHNSON, GEO. H., i. Swampscott, Mass., Dec. 1. Sermon, Rev. S. H. Woodrow; other parts, Rev. Messrs. G. A. Jackson, W. I. Sweet, W. H. Bolster and Drs. D. S. Clark and F. E. Emrich.
 MARSH, LUCIEN J., o. Grand Island, Neb., Nov. 22. Sermon, Rev. G. A. Munro; other parts, Rev. Messrs. Jno. Doane, W. H. Medlar, Jacob Flook, L. J. Marsh, A. E. Ricker and Dr. Harmon Brosa.
 WILLIAMS, GEO., o. and i. New Windsor, Ill. Sermon, Dr. C. A. Vincent; other parts, Rev. Messrs. E. F. Schwab, H. M. Burr, David Fales, Jr., J. F. Johnston and F. W. Hoover.

Resignations

ATWOOD, CHAS. B., Colchester, Vt., after three years' service.
 BARTLEY, ALEX., Metamora, Mich.
 BOBB, JOS. C., Batavia and Mattison, Mich.
 CONE, JOHN H., Derby, Vt.
 DAINS, CHAS. H., Crested Butte, Col.
 FRENCH, EDW. G., Johnson, Vt., after nine years' service.
 FRIZZELL, JOHN W., First Ch., Eau Claire, Wis., after six years' service.
 GREENE, CHESTER W., Perry and Shaftsbury, Mich.
 GRIGSBY, ARNOLD D., Cheboygan, Mich., after seven years' service.
 HOLMES, WM. T., Welsh Ch., Plainfield Center, N. Y.
 JOHNSON, ORRIN H. (M. E.), Alamo, Mich.
 KEMPTON, AARON J., Addison, Mich.
 LILLIE, ISAAC B., Mattawan, Mich.
 MORDEN, D. N., Bethel Ch., Kingston, Can.
 MYERS, B. FRANK, Garner, Io., after three years' service.
 OAKLEY, E. CLARENCE, Royal Oak, Mich., after three years' service.
 ROSE, CHAS. G., Tipton, Mich.
 SALTER, ERNEST J. B., Manson, Io.
 WALTON, S. A., Rapid River, Mich.

Dismissals

ABBE, HARRY A. G., Nyack, N. Y., Nov. 21.
 MCLEOD, THOS. B., Clinton Ave. Ch., Brooklyn, N. Y., Dec. 1.
 NUTTING, WALLACE, Union Ch., Providence, R. I., Dec. 2.
 ROOT, E. TALLMADGE, Elmwood Temple Ch., Providence, R. I., Nov. 30.

Stated Supplies

BROOKS, CHAS. S., Wellesley, Mass., at First Ch., Keene, N. H.
 SEABURY, JOS. B., Wellesley Hills, Mass., at Pinehurst, N. C., for the season.

Personals

BRAITHWAITE, EDW. E., W. Somerville, Mass., has been voted an increase of \$500 in salary—the third substantial increase in two years.
 DAVIS, WM. M., Ellos Ch., Newton, Mass., is gaining in health and will spend the winter months in California. With his family he started Dec. 6.
 FAIRLEY, JAS. A., Brooklyn, N. Y., severs his connection with our denomination and has been commended to the ministry of Unitarian churches.
 FURNESS, GEO. A., E. Arlington, Vt., at a gather-

ing on his birthday, recently, was presented with money for a set of Shakespeare and another valuable book.

MASON, EDW. B., the retired pastor at Brunswick, Me., was given a housewarming and surprise party by the Ladies' Alliance of that parish recently, and also \$200 in money.

OTTOMAN, HENRY A., and wife, at a reception given them just previous to their departure from Chango Forks, N. Y., were presented with a generous sum of money.

SOUTHGATE, CHAS. M., Auburndale, Mass., at a meeting of the church and society, held Nov. 29, was requested by a large majority vote to withdraw his recently presented resignation.

VERNON, ANDREW W., Dartmouth Coll. Ch., Hanover, N. H., was the preacher at the recent installation of Mr. Gill, in Lebanon, instead of Dr. C. H. Merrill, as a misreading of our correspondent's report led us to say.

Churches Organized and Recognized

CHELSEA, MASS., First Church voted Dec. 2 to accept the invitation of Third Church to consolidate with it. Details to be arranged later.

Dedications

MANHATTAN, KAN., Rev. O. B. Thurston. This church, organized in 1856, the third in the state, strategically located at the junction of the Big Blue and Kaw Rivers and the seat of the State Agricultural College with 1,200 students, dedicated, Nov. 20, a handsome stone auditorium of Anglo-Norman architecture. Pres. D. F. Bradley preached; other parts were taken by Supt. J. E. Ingham and neighboring pastors, and Supt. H. E. Thayer led the financial campaign, which provided for all but \$300 of the cost. The large audience contained many students. A fine pipe organ adds to the effectiveness of the well-drilled choir. The pastor is largely responsible for the idea and its successful issue, and the generous givers included Mrs. Foster, a charter member.

RIVERSIDE, R. I., Rev. T. F. Norris. Enlarged and remodeled edifice rededicated, free of debt, Nov. 16, with sermon by Rev. E. F. Sanderson;



prayer by Rev. L. Z. Ferris and addresses by Rev. Messrs. Wallace Nutting, D. D., F. J. Goodwin, J. J. Woolley, T. N. Owen, W. R. Buxton, F. B. Pullan, M. L. Williston, J. H. Lyon, John Deans, H. E. Johnson. Church numbers 120; the graded Sunday school, 200. Sunday school classrooms furnished by the various classes.

Bequests and Other Gifts

BOSTON, MASS., Boylston, Rev. H. A. Barker. To church in Bardezag, Turkey, communion set.
 HOPKINTON, N. H., Rev. Louis Ellms. Portrait of Deacon John M. Harvey presented and hung in chapel.
 MAINE, N. Y., Rev. E. L. Vincent. Sunday school for library purposes, \$100, by of Almon Johnson.
 MIDDLEBORO, MASS., Rev. Geo. W. Stearns. By will of Geo. W. Pratt, \$2000 to Middleboro Congregational ch.; \$8,000, to be known as the Francis G. Pratt Fund, to be applied to different objects in connection with Berkeley Temple, Boston. One-half the net income to be paid to the Orphanage or Boys' Home at Westminster, Vt., conducted by Berkeley Temple; the remainder to be used for the benefit of the Dorcasry, the Harriet

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By will of Charlotte E. Pratt: To Boys' Home, Westminster, Vt., \$6,000; to A. B. C. F. M., \$5,000; Woman's Board of Missions and C. H. M. S., \$4,000 each; A. M. A. and Roxbury Consumptives' Home, \$2,000 each.

NORTHFIELD, MASS., Rev. N. Fay Smith. Bequest of Mrs. Adeline M. D. Alexander: To Tuskegee Normal School, \$1,000; American Seamen's Society, A. M. A. and C. H. M. S., \$200 each; Ladies' Sewing Society of the Northfield Trinitarian Ch., \$200, to be expended in charity; to Northfield Trinitarian Ch., one-third of the residue.

NORWICH, N. Y., Rev. D. W. Dexter. From children of the late Deacon James McCaw, fine memorial individual communion set.

RAYMOND, N. H.—By the will of the late Mrs. Sophia P. Bullard the town receives \$2,800—\$100 for the town library and the remainder for taking care of and improving Pine Grove Cemetery—and is a residuary legatee. First Ch., Nashua, receives in trust \$500 for Sunday school, and is the other residuary legatee. Other bequests are: Protestant Home for the Aged, First Ch. Ladies' Charitable Society, Y. W. C. A., Y. M. C. A., Boston Seamen's Friend Society, A. B. C. F. M., C. H. M. S., N. H. Female Cent Institution and Nashua Emergency Hospital, \$200 each; First Baptist Society, Nashua, \$400; King's Daughters, Good Cheer, and W. C. T. U., \$100 each. The income of the residuary going to Raymond is to be used for support of preaching; that to First Ch., Nashua, for needy members of church and parish.

Suggestive Methods and Features

BOSTON, MASS., *Dorchester*, Rev. H. A. Barker. The *Church Messenger* issues a Missionary Number, containing report of the annual rally for foreign missions, information as to its two members working under the American Board in Turkey.

Material Gain or Loss

HILLSBORO CENTER, N. H., Rev. Wm. France. A tablet, placed by the Eunice Baldwin Chapter of the D. A. R., in memory of Rev. Jonathan Barnes, first pastor (1772-1803) was unveiled Nov. 27 by Mr. Theodore Barnes of Boston, a descendant. The pastor preached a memorial sermon and Scripture was read from the Bible used by Pastor Barnes.

KELLOGG, ILL.—The new church building just completed at a cost of \$3,000, and which was to have been dedicated Nov. 27, was burned to the ground Saturday night, Nov. 26. The origin of the fire is a mystery. No water was available, but hymn-books, chandeliers and organ were removed. Insured for \$1,500.

LITTLE VALLEY, N. Y., Rev. J. A. Kaley. Interior papered and otherwise improved.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., *Park Ave.*, Rev. G. S. Rollins, has remodeled its chapel room and fitted it up for modern Sunday school, social and institutional work. Though located on one of the finest residence avenues in the city, there is pressing demand for institutional features in the line of club and gymnasium work for men and boys. The original chapel, 45 x 65 feet, has been doubled in size, fitted with commodious parlors, three assembly rooms for primary, junior and senior grades, twenty Sunday school classrooms and a perfectly appointed kitchen. The basement will be finished for a gymnasium. Equipment for all phases of Sunday school, kindergarten and other cultural work is complete. Cost, about \$16,000. The formal opening occurred Nov. 20, with addresses by President Northrup and Rev. J. E. Smith. This church now has one of the best plants in the Northwest.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., *Central*, Dr. C. L. Kloss. New chapel dedicated, with addresses by Wm. H. Wanamaker and others.—*Snyder Ave.*, Rev. F. E. Wieder, pastor. Pipe organ dedicated. Sermon by Rev. M. H. Williams on The Hallelujah Chorus of Heaven.

WEST GRANVILLE, MASS., Rev. H. A. Coolidge. New furnace in parsonage.

Church Happenings

LAWRENCE, KAN., *Plymouth*, Rev. W. W. Bolt. Memorial service, held Nov. 20, in honor of Dr. Richard Cordley, pastor nearly fifty years. Addresses by Jas. W. Glead of Topeka, Hon. S. A. Higgs, Capt. J. G. Haskell, Rev. H. F. Thayer, Professors Wilcox and Olney.

Anniversaries

BURLINGTON, IOWA.—Fifty-ninth of the pastorate of Dr. Wm. Salter.

Arizona Association

This little body of churches scattered over a wide area of plain and mountain held its tenth annual meeting at Tucson, Nov. 18-20. The magnificent distances are still longer drawn out by the railroad managers, whose study seems to be how not to connect. A delay of more than twelve hours

at Benson permitted a good look at one of the new and valuable institutions of the territory, the Industrial School for Boys, housed in a beautiful stone building in the center of a forty-acre tract of land which the boys are rapidly converting into an oasis in the desert. Here a man with blood in his eye and a large amount streaming down his face, holding a big gun, came into the station to look for the one who had done him bodily harm. As he was not certain who the man was, there was the pleasing possibility of the few belated passengers sharing his attentions. The fact that Tucson was reached between one and two o'clock in the morning did not prevent the warm grasp of the welcoming hand of Dr. Long, the new pastor. This attractive city is growing rapidly because of its business enterprise and because its dry sunny climate draws from other parts of our land many whose lungs do not work well under water. It has excellent hotels, the new and elegant Santa Rita, the older and attractive Willard House looking across the Military Plaza toward the Carnegie Library. On an elevated mesa above the business portion is the State University and the Indian School is near by. The Carnegie Laboratory for Botanical Research stands on a rugged hill 250 feet above the town.

The theme of the meeting was The Church as an Educator, and papers on different phases of the subject were read by Mr. Walter Hill of Prescott, Rev. Messrs. R. W. Rogers of Prescott and A. J. Benedict of Tombstone, while Rev. J. H. Heald's paper was read by Dr. Long.

In the evening the association and invited guests met in the hospitable home of Deacon N. E. Plumer and discussed Congregationalism and confessions in a very delightful way.

Sunday was a day of privilege. Rev. H. P. Case, our Sunday school missionary, read a strong paper on the Educational Needs and Ideals of the Sunday School. At a twilight communion service seven, including the pastor and his wife, were admitted to fellowship. After an organ recital, in which the recently installed organ was fittingly used, Dr. Kingsbury gave a characteristic and most helpful address on the Achievements and Opportunities of the Church. A brief Monday morning session was held, when our purpose to lessen the vice of gambling was voiced in resolution. Then a ride was taken over the plains to the quaint mission of San Xavier, established over three hundred years ago and still used as a place of worship.

During the year there have been many changes of pastors. Two new church edifices have been built; a beautiful and commodious one at Prescott, a simple but comfortable one of adobe at Tombstone.

A. J. B.

The true revival will be characterized by the vitality, the sanity and the depth of Jesus.—H. H. Proctor.

Meetings and Events to Come

BOSTON MINISTERS' MEETING, Pilgrim Hall, Dec. 19, 10.30 A. M. Speaker, Rev. Lyman Abbott, D. D.; subject, The Spiritual Authority of the Christian Ministry.

WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS, Pilgrim Hall, meetings every Friday, 11 A. M.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON BIBLE CLASS, Park Street Church, every Saturday, 2.30 P. M. Leader, Rev. W. T. McElveen.

Marriages

The charge for marriage notices is twenty-five cents.

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His lecture last Saturday morning was particularly interesting to friends and critics of foreign missions because he discussed The Missionary Problem in China. As an admirer of such work viewed as a whole, and unequivocal in his praise of the loyalty, patience, nobility of life and rectitude of most of the missionaries, especially the Protestant ones who go from this country, he employed his opportunity to set forth with candor what he conceives to be the errors of the past and the present in Christian missionary operations in China.

With all that he said of the unfortunate results of Roman Catholic duplicity in the days of early Christian propaganda in China and with the evils fostered by French governmental and Roman Catholic interference with the judicial functions and civic rights of the Chinese local officials, most if not all his hearers would agree, as they would with his statement of the pernicious effect upon the cause of missions generally of swift resort to the

military arm, to indemnities and seizure of territory when for any reason the life or property of missionaries is destroyed. Nor would there be dissent among most missionaries of the American Board, we believe, from his indictment of the type of missionary who needlessly and brutally attacks the religion or ethics of the Chinese, compels converts to run counter to immemorial, communal and family traditions and who assumes that the Christian religion must be exclusive.

The employment of women as missionaries, the inferiority of the present translation of the Bible in Chinese, the conflict in religious and theological terminology and the variety of sectarian interpretations of Christianity which bewilder the Chinese—these were other items in Dr. Iyenaga's friendly criticism of the missionary propaganda. He admitted that the American women who go to China are more tactful and better equipped than some who go from other countries, and he probably is aware that some of the best scholars in China are now at work preparing Biblical and other literature for the highly educated and critical Chinese; while in China and through the Orient evidence is cumulative as to the rapid breaking down of the sectarian spirit among the missionaries and a coming union of Christian forces.

The significance of this course of lectures is that the far East has in the person of one of its own sons, trained in our best institutions and now teaching in one of them, a man who can give us the Oriental point of view on matters concerning which in former days we would have had to live up to our own somewhat provincial light. There were three secretaries of the American Board at this lecture, hearing criticism of missions in general, and compelled as they heard to ask as the successive indictments were framed, Is that true of our work, or is it not? Rev. Dr. J. L. Barton says that to the address as a whole he has no exception to make. Officials and missionaries of the Board are not guilty.

The New Home Secretary at New York

A notable and representative assembly gathered under the auspices of the co-operating committee of the American Board for the middle district at the Aldine Club, New York city, on the evening of Nov. 22, to welcome the new home secretary, Dr. Cornelius H. Patton. More than sixty sat down to dinner, the majority consisting of the active members of the district committees which operate under the leadership of the co-operating committee. They added to their number a few of the leaders of Eastern Congregationalism and the secretaries of the home societies. The gathering was instinct with good fellowship, loyalty and genuine satisfaction and hope. The genial presiding officer, Rev. J. H. Selden of Greenwich, voiced the universal feeling when he pledged to Dr. Patton the loyal co-operation of the body and all it represented, and set forth the supreme importance of his work. Dr. Patton himself won every heart by his modest, frank, energetic address, in which he laid emphasis on businesslike methods directed by self-forgetting, consecrated hearts. Dr. Lucien C. Warner as a trusted and honored layman, Secretary Richards for his fellow-officers, Dr. Baldwin of East Orange for New Jersey, Dr. McLane of New Haven for Connecticut, Dr. Stimson for New York city, Dr. Lyman Abbott and Dr. Harlan P. Beach at large expressed felicitously yet with directness, pith and spiritual feeling their sense of the promising outlook, of our command of wise, businesslike counselors and methods, of the universal confidence in the coming leadership of Dr. Patton and of a dawning day for missions, both at home and abroad.

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Harvard's Foreign Missionary Association

One of the most significant events in the educational world of late viewed from the Christian standpoint is the formal organization or co-ordination of the men and societies at Harvard University who are pledged to the cause of Christian foreign missions. Formal action was taken last spring; but news of the movement has just become public, following the fine address by ex-Secretary of State Foster before Harvard students last week, in which he outlined the duty of the American people in the far East as it seems to a Christian diplomat of large range of vision and much experience.

As Harvard men in ever-increasing numbers have gone in delegations to Northfield or to the Student Volunteer conventions, they have been drawn nearer together in loyalty to the missionary cause. Moreover, Harvard men of late have come to hold important posts in the missionary service and in the International Y. M. C. A. foreign work among students. They have assumed support of men on the foreign field. They have been studying the history of foreign missions and the motives which prompt mission service with Prof. E. C. Moore. Slowly but surely a very genuine unity of spirit and inclusive organization has taken form among the undergraduates and their advisers in Cambridge and Boston, which flowers out now into the Harvard Mission, with Prof. E. C. Moore, chairman of its executive committee, and of which Rev. Endicott Peabody of the Groton School is an important member, and an advisory committee, of which President Roosevelt is chairman and Bishops Lawrence of Massachusetts and Logan Roots of Hankow, China, are members.

The aim of this inclusive organization, is to make the members of the university more familiar with the work of those Harvard graduates who are now in the foreign field; to secure subscriptions for the support of Mr. Carter and other Harvard graduates who hereafter may engage in mission work, to unite all men in the university who contemplate service in missions, and to place in the foreign field within the next five years twenty Harvard men who shall be encouraged to go wherever there seems the greatest need and the greatest opportunity. Thus men of all denominations will be drawn nearer together and bound more closely to the university. Information will be systematically collected which will be at the service of the student body and the alumni. Last but not least the spirit of service to the world at large by university men will be fostered. An incomplete list of Harvard alumni now engaged in the foreign missionary work records twenty-seven men, and there are now in the university fourteen men who plan to go into the work, while thirty-six are enrolled in Professor Moore's mission class.

In and Around Worcester

LEICESTER'S NEW PASTOR

The John Nelson Memorial Church in Leicester, Mass., is again equipped for good service by the coming of Rev. J. Brainard Thrall, who has just been installed pastor. Mr. Thrall is a graduate of Amherst College and Yale Seminary. His recent pastorates have been Pepperell six years and Sioux City, S. D., one year. Mr. Thrall was given a hearty reception by the church, which has thoroughly refitted its fine parsonage.

At Piedmont Church it is the custom to hold on Thanksgiving Eve a memorial service and review of the year and conditions of the church. Dr. Scott noted that eighty persons had united with the church in 1904, making the present membership 900. The student element is conspicuously large in the congregations, particularly Sunday evenings.

TWO RESIGNATIONS

Rev. J. A. Selbert resigns at the Adams Square Church, to take effect on or before March 1. During his four prosperous years here he has wel-

comed sixty persons to membership, and the church has advanced his salary \$500. This church is the youngest and one of the most promising of the Worcester group. Mayor W. H. Biedgett is an active member and superintendent of the Sunday school. Mr. Selbert does not expect to take another pastorate immediately, but will give some time to lecturing upon the Holy Land. He has just concluded a course of these lectures in this city, the material and views for which were secured during the late Sunday school trip to Palestine.

Rev. John W. Norris will close his ministry of a year at Memorial Church, Jan. 1. The removal of members to other churches, the occupation of the locality by wholesale and warehouses and decreased income from funds make the future of this church uncertain.

E. W. P.

President Faunce of Brown University is heartily enlisted in a reform of Baptist polity which he and others hope will end in the creation of a National Council similar to ours, and an International Council like unto that which we and Methodists, Presbyterians and Episcopalians hold at varying intervals.

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A Berkshire Letter

THE FIRE SPREADING

The live coal we brought away from the altars at Des Moines cooled somewhat, it is to be feared, in the process of bringing it hither; but Rev. J. S. Voorhees and the writer have tried to lay it in a "live" state upon the lips and hearts of Berkshire Congregationalists. At the North and South Berkshire County Conferences each of us has given a report of the council, and I am sure the Adams pastor's account of the spirit, content, impressions and results of the great Des Moines meeting brought help and inspiration. At the South Berkshire Conference a committee was appointed to promote the evangelistic impulse in our churches. The thing that helps in this whole matter is the awakening of the people. We are feeling the ground-swell of what purports to be a tidal wave of evangelistic energy. I have never known anything like it in twenty-five years of ministry.

The South Berkshire committee on evangelism met on Election Day at the Housatonic parsonage and after a brief devotional service talked over the situation. I hope in my next letter to report something done.

ROOM FOR DISCUSSION

This fall has brought local meetings of various sorts. A good sign is that the people are clamoring for more participation. We have been "addressed" a good deal, and though always acceptably, it has crowded out popular participation in vital questions. An address is all right once in a while, but as a rule the people like to take part. It's like pulling a boat with one oar to have either one or the other of these methods exclusively. There have been, besides the conferences mentioned (one at New Lebanon and one at Sheffield) a Sunday school conference at Hartsville, missionary conferences at North Adams, Pittsfield and Great Barrington preceded by evangelistic conferences, the Berkshire Branch at Richmond and various gatherings of

local C. E. Unions. All these meetings have been filled with a spirit of earnest interest in others; the evangelistic passion, or as the author of *Ecce Homo* put it, "The enthusiasm of humanity."

IN MEMORY OF DR. ROWLAND

The last issue of the *Berkshire Evangel*, our county paper, is a Rowland Memorial Number, containing the addresses given at a recent meeting in the Lee church, when the South Berkshire Association of Ministers changed their afternoon session into a public memorial service in honor of the faithful and beloved pastor who served that church twenty-seven years. Rev. W. W. Curtis of West Stockbridge presented Dr. Rowland the Man; Rev. L. D. Bliss, the Scholar and Preacher; Dr. Sherrill, the Man of Affairs, and Mr. E. S. Rogers, a deacon of the local church, gave A Parishioner's Estimate. The assistant secured just before Dr. Rowland's decease, Mr. Henry W. Smith, is soon to be ordained. The Lee church will do nothing about choosing a successor to Dr. Rowland until April, and meantime will continue the use of the parsonage to his widow with half-pay.

R. DEW. M.

Two Springfield Decennials

Dr. Frank L. Goodspeed has been with *First Church* ten years. His parishioners reminded him of it by sending a small deputation to his home the evening of Nov. 10, to present him a beautiful silver loving cup and ten American Beauty roses. The inscription shows the cup to be "a token of affection from the members of the church and a testimonial to his faithful and devoted service." The roses were on the pulpit next day, and the pastor voiced his appreciation of the sentiment that prompted the gift, and his reciprocal affection for the church. The decade has been one of progress and prosperity, and this down-town church, though losing nearly 500 members, has received 700 and its roll contains today approximately 1,200 names. Besides the prestige of personal ability and his position in our oldest and largest church, Dr. Goodspeed is rapidly acquiring that of seniority. Into the city pulpits he has welcomed all our pastors except Dr. Moxom, and only seven others in the large conference outdate him in point of settlement.

The other anniversary was of the organization of *Faith Church*. Begun as a mission school nearly forty years ago in a remote section of the city, it soon outgrew its little schoolhouse quarters, and a chapel was built, where, in addition to Sunday school services, a number of young ministers tried their 'prentice hand at preaching. In 1889, the congregation, already furnished with various "societies," was organized into Faith branch of the South Church, and on Nov. 28, 1894 this was recognized as an independent church with sixty-seven members. There have been but two pastors, Rev. H. C. Meserve, now of Danbury, Ct., who began work while in Yale Seminary in 1898, and Rev. D. B. Pratt, who succeeded him in 1900. The youngest church in Hampden Conference, it is growing fastest, proportionally, and has today 212 members. Occupying a prominent corner in the Forest Park district of beautiful homes, it feels the limitations of its chapel, erected in 1872 and enlarged five years ago; and the uppermost thought in the speaking at the anniversary dinner was the need of a building commensurate with its visible prospects and suited to its environment. The pastor gave a historical sermon Nov. 27, the Sunday school and Y. P. S. C. E. held reunions and Mr. Meserve preached at night. Monday night the principal speakers were Mrs. Burnham, with reminiscences of thirty years, Dr. Moxom of the parent church, and Mr. Meserve.

LONG.

The W. C. T. U., in national convention assembled, last week petitioned the President to use his influence in having the present prohibition of manufacture and sale of liquor in the Indian Territory retained in the new legislation changing the territory to a state. The President promptly replied that he was engaged in consideration of the matter, and would aid in the attempt to save the red man from the ravages that intoxicants too often in his past have wrought among the Indians.

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With two new associate pastors added to Central's efficient equipment, the outlook for the winter is promising. Rev. Markham W. Stackpole comes from an energetic pastorate of five years at Magnolia, Mass. Rev. W. Raymond Jelliffe, pastor of the Church of the Sea and Land, during an absence enforced by ill health, is giving the benefit of his New York experience to this Boston work. It is understood that until April, when Mr. Jelliffe returns to his charge in New York, he will devote his time to the young people, especially in the new School of Ethics and Religion. Mr. Stackpole's service will center about the Neighborhood House at 19 St. Germain Street, and such additional church services as may be introduced.

The Young Men's Congregational Club

Over eighty men sat down to the November dinner of the Young Men's Congregational Club at the Copley Square Hotel on the 30th. Rev. William H. Allbright was a guest and reported on the recent National Council. The chief address was given by Robert E. Speer of New York city, the well-known author of books on missions and a secretary of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions. In breadth of vision, mastery of facts and aggressive eloquence he has few peers, and he made the political, religious and racial problems of the modern Asiatic very real to those who heard him. Nine new members were elected and fifteen were proposed. Under the administration of President Butler and other business men the club is being revitalized, and it aims ere the year closes to have over one hundred members.

Our French Brethren

For several years a company of French worshipers have enjoyed the hospitality of Central Church, worshipping in the chapel Sunday afternoons. Last January a Congregational church was organized of that people, which during the year has grown to some eighty members. Tuesday evening, Nov. 29, a council ordained as its pastor, M. Paul Elsesser, who has been laboring with these people for several months. He was educated in Switzerland and has a brother in the Congregational ministry, who gave him the right hand of fellowship. They are a goodly addition to our ministerial body. Dr. Plumb's prayer of ordination in English was continued in French in the same spirit of fervent devotion by Pastor C. L. Charron. Central's pastor, Rev. John H. Denison, preached a fitting sermon, and Dr. F. E. Emrich gave to the pastor an affectionate charge which included in its sympathy the whole congregation.

Professor English to the Ministers

A helpful and inspiring address was given at the Ministers' Meeting Monday by Prof. John W. English of Newton Theological Institute on the subject, The Personality of the Preacher. He offered a valuable series of direct, specific suggestions with regard to the minister's demeanor in the pulpit, the warmth of his own spiritual life and the outgo of will force toward his people.

An Industrial and Trading Corporation has been formed in England with the approval of the London Missionary Society to cultivate rubber, cotton and other products in New Guinea for the sake of encouraging the natives to work for fair wages and to start plantations of their own and sell the produce to the company. The directors are influential business men, the stock is offered at \$5 per share and the London Missionary Society has released for a year one of its missionaries, Rev. F. W. Walker, that he may promote the scheme.

The Pilgrim Press Clubbing List for 1905

We furnish the following magazines at prices here named when the amount accompanies a new or renewal subscription to either *The Congregationalist* or *The Pilgrim Teacher*. By ordering these periodicals together you save both trouble and money. After the receipt of the first number please correspond directly with the various publication offices instead of with us in case of errors or changes of address.

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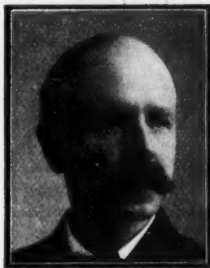


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Prof. A. R. MERRIAM

THE PILGRIM PRESS, as most people know, is only a shorter name for the Business Department of one of our national denominational enterprises and a very essential factor in our denominational machinery. The kinds of work it carries on are here enumerated in the order of their importance, and some hints are given as to work accomplished in each:

1. The publication and circulation of Sunday-school lesson helps and other periodicals.
2. The publication of *The Congregationalist*.
3. The issuing of books of denominational interest, or those adapted to the use of young people in our Sunday schools and homes.
4. The publication of hymn books for our churches and schools.
5. The purchase and sale of Bibles and such books of other publishers, religious or secular, as are called for by our ministers, schools, libraries and families.
6. The preparation and sale of such manuals, record books, requisites, and appliances as are required for the proper conduct of our churches and schools.



Pres. H. C. KING

THE PILGRIM LESSON HELPS FOR 1905 AND SOME OF THE PEOPLE WHO HELP MAKE THEM

FOR CHILDREN OF SIX YEARS OR UNDER

The Little Pilgrim.
The Beginners' Course Lessons
The subjects for these lessons are chosen under the direction of the International Committee, but differ from the Uniform International Lessons. They are Bible stories, finely illustrated, and supplied with explanations and comments which mothers are urged to read to the children at home.

Accompanying these lessons are the *Beginners' Lesson Cards*, 6 x 7 1/4 inches in size, which contain the picture illustrating the lesson, handsomely printed, and giving the Golden Text and a few easy questions. We believe that these lessons may be used with better results in most instances than the uniform lessons. *The Little Pilgrim Beginners' Course* comes in the form of a weekly paper, *The Little Pilgrim*, and costs 5 cents per quarter. *The Beginners' Course Cards* cost the same.

The Little Pilgrim Lesson Pictures
These follow the Uniform International Lessons, and have been very popular. Wherever the Primary Department meets in the same room with the main school and listens to the same review from the desk, probably these lessons should be used instead of the Beginners' Course Lessons. The cards are 3 x 4 inches in size, printed in bright colors, and have the Golden Text on the face, with easy questions on the back. They cost 2 1/2 cents per quarter.

The Bible Lesson Picture Roll
This shows the same pictures, but is 25 x 36 inches in size, and can be seen by the whole school. It is particularly useful in reviewing the lesson.

FOR CHILDREN FROM SEVEN TO TEN YEARS OLD

The Junior Quarterly
This Quarterly has numerous illustrations, and the lesson story is told in familiar language, word meanings are explained, easy questions given, including some for written answers, memory verses, Honor Roll, Review Pictures as memory aids, etc. It also has a "Talk with Teachers About the Lesson," by Anna Burnham Bryant, which is excellent. It contains the words but not the music of the Sunday school services at Easter, Children's Day, Rally Day, and Christmas. It is carefully adapted to scholars of the age for which it is intended. It costs 4c., 3c., or 2c., according to the edition.

FOR YOUNG PEOPLE FROM TEN YEARS OLD UP TO HIGH SCHOOL AGE

The Intermediate Quarterly
This has the benefit of Dr. S. A. Weston's careful work, and several new and valuable features will appear; some, however, not until the second quarter. It contains Illustrative Pictures, Life Questions, Search Questions, Memory Gems, Library Gleanings, etc., as well as the usual Written Answer Questions, Every-day Thoughts, etc. It will be found more helpful, suggestive, and instructive than ever before, being prepared by a man with practical experience as a teacher of boys.

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The Home Department Quarterly

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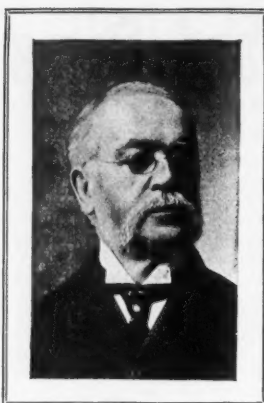
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The Pilgrim Sunday School Papers for 1905

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FAVORITE WRITERS like Mabel Nelson Thurston, Mabel Earle, Carroll Watson Rankin, Kate Hamilton, Marion Ames Taggart,

Sally Campbell, Minna Stanwood, Frances Weld Danielson, and Susie Bouchelle Wight will contribute throughout the year.

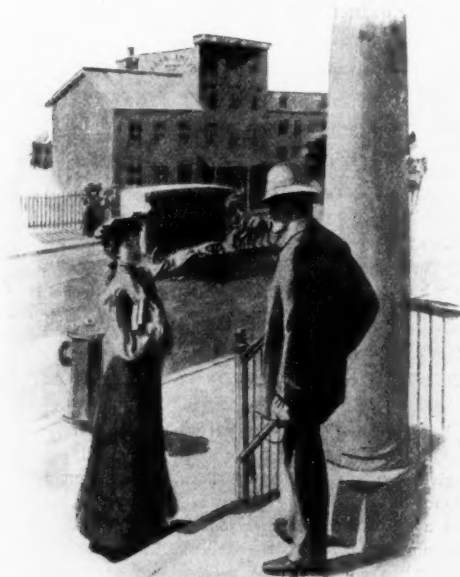
The Wellspring is fortunate in having the promise of a series of articles on insect life from **Science and** Dr. Henry C. McCook, who is an acknowledged **Natural History** authority on the subject.

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Robert Ellis Thompson will contribute a series of biographical sketches for young people on "The Companions of St. Paul." Besides these, from time to time will appear inspiring accounts of the lives of famous men and women.

Biographical and Historical Sketches

Among the interesting features for the coming year will be articles by Priscilla Leonard on "The Byways of History." These



Reduced illustration from a story by Mabel Earle

are a distinct departure from the ordinary historical articles, treating of subjects which have been little discussed in young people's literature.

Robert E. Speer will continue his work in *The Wellspring* by practical talks to young men upon **Helps in Christian Living** the inner life.

Margaret E. Sangster will contribute two series: one addressed to girls in their early teens, and one to the older readers.

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The Pilgrim Sunday School Papers for 1905—Continued

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Talks About Books

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Good Animal Stories

AMONG THE GOOD STORIES promised for the year is SCRAP, a dog story, by Harriet Hobson Dougherty, whose clever work will appear from time to time in *The Visitor*.

In THE DEPARTMENT FOR BOYS special attention will be given to athletics, sports, and other matters of interest to boys.

Athletic Sports

FLOWERS INDOORS AND OUT and LITTLE TALKS ABOUT FOLKS will be continued monthly; also the column devoted to the Junior Christian Endeavor.

Junior Endeavor Topics

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The Golden Text is printed in *The Mayflower* a week in advance, so that the children may commit it to memory.

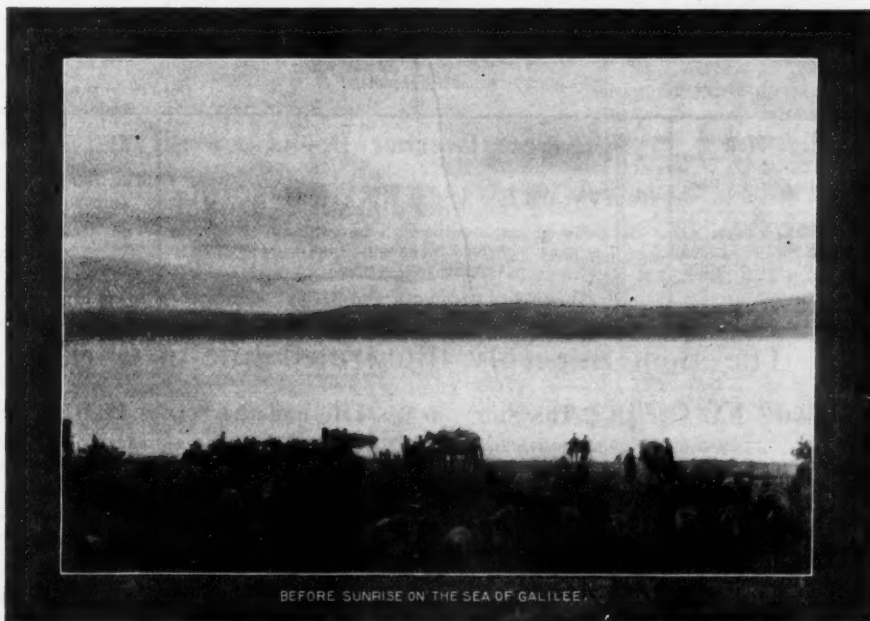
Among the popular writers for children who contribute stories, sketches, poems, etc., for *The Mayflower* may be mentioned: Mrs. E. P. Allan, Sydney Dayre, Anna F. Bryant, Abbie F. Brown, Sallie Campbell, and others equally good if less well known; also the motherly but young-hearted editor, Mrs. Julia H. Boynton.

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Yes it is a tremendous reconstruction of habits and attitude, but if we at once make over our lives entirely to Christ, not holding back anything, we shall thoroughly enjoy the new basis after we have tested it a little while. When we do just what we want to do ourselves, we are constantly making mistakes and blunders. We are like the boys in the Sunday school class who made each for himself a good resolution and after a few weeks' effort to carry them out, decided, as they said, to "swap" resolutions, thinking the other fellow's would be easier to carry out. After all, self is a whimsical, not to say tyrannical master, and when we try to do what pleases other people, the outlook is equally unsatisfactory. We either become cringing and time-serving, or else lose all power of initiative. But if the one test of an action is, "Christ wants me to do it," life is greatly simplified, and in the long run we accomplish a vast deal more.

But we come to the great perplexing question, How shall we know what he would like to have us do? The first answer to that question is, Ask him. Have stated times of asking him. Ask him at all sorts of times and on all sorts of occasions. Don't say you are kept in ignorance when you have failed to ask him patiently and persistently. Ask those about you who seem to you most closely to represent him.

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Presumably, too, whatever he would have us do includes the thing given us to do—the task immediately in hand. We are like soldiers at our post of duty. We might prefer to make a grand-charge upon the enemy's ranks or to be delegated for some adventurous scouting expedition. But somebody must guard the redoubt day after day and do the routine work of the camp. "Young man, you have received your orders," thundered the great general when a subordinate intimated that the task given him was not to his liking.

Remember also those golden words of Thomas à Kempis, "God weigheth more the spirit in which a man worketh, than what he doeth. He doeth much who loveth much. He doeth much who doeth a thing well." Sometimes we are eager to the verge of nervousness to do things for Christ. Then we need to recall those words of Anna Waring:

I would not have the restless will
That hurries to and fro,
Seeking for some great thing to do,
Or secret thing to know;
I would be treated as a child,
And guided where I go.

Tangles

[For the leisure hour recreation of old and young. Any reader who can contribute odd and curious enigmas, etc., of a novel and interesting kind is invited to do so, addressing the Puzzle Editor of The Congregationalist.]

77. CHARADE

With horse and cart, in shade and sun
Drops out a man and brother;
But presently he lost a ONE,
And then he lost the other.

When this befell, he looked about
To find a blacksmith's shop;
For though his cart was WHOLE, no doubt,
He thought it time to stop.

'Twas wholly ONED, but none the TWO,
He started on again,
And as his ONES he turned to view,
Seemed tempted to complain.

"At this rate I shall need a fund
Like Romanoff or Guelph;
And if my cart will not stay ONED,
'Twill make me ONED myself."

M. C. S.

78. LITERARY NUMERICAL

Whole, of 71 letters, is a quotation from Sir Richard Steele.

15-61 31 29-60 22 13 8 44 is called "the noblest of the Stoics." 56 46 18 9-3-16 is an authority on gypsy lore. 57-10-45-6-33-42 is a writer of dialect and gypsy tales. 30 52-34-39 43-50 39 32-66-18 28 was an illustrious lyric poet. 27-25-45-23-36 62 26-69 is a wit in Shakespeare. 1-68 4-11-47-6 is a heroine of Tennyson's poems. 24-14-38 12-48-43 69-62-21-9 70-53-63 is the title of an early Tennyson poem. 38-17-7 37-53-5 is a notable book of Oriental travel. 19-20-15-40-67-35 65 41-49-71-53 1-55-2-42-54 58-64-59 is the name of a beautiful sacred poem. 51-6-57-8-50 is a character in Spenser's "Faerie Queene."

FANNY POOLE.

79. ANAGRAM

Cranks, ever since the world began,
This ungainly thing pursue;
And like the others, in my mind,
I PUMP ETERNAL, TOO.

STOCKES.

80. DELETION

A synonym for bright am I;
Behold me, I'm an aid to work;
Behold again, I'm all the time;
Curtailed, in me the shadows lurk.

C. J. K.

81. POSITIVE AND COMPARATIVE

(Example: To cook, a member of a religious order. Answer: Fry, friar.)

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Tangles

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1. A boy, a help in rising in the world. 2. A kind of meat, a useful tool. 3. A drain pipe, a President of the United States. 4. A narrative, another President of the United States. 5. A market, a sufferer for principle. 6. Cut off, a member of a learned profession. 7. An American poet, to empty out a liquid. 8. A weight, the art of correct use of language. 9. An organ of sense, anger. 10. A seat, unalloyed. 11. A thief's partner, paleness. 12. A quantity, a part of the year. 13. Level, to falsely praise. 14. A black deposit, a lover. 15. Grain, an angle. D.

82. CURTAILMENT

It was a mandarin's heir, Ah Mee,
Who married the almond-eyed O See;
Their wedding lasted a week or so,
In the grand old city of I-do-no.

The bride looked lovely in yellow FOUR,
And smaller shoes than Titania wore;
The groom's long queue was no THREE, although
THREE queues may be purchased in I-do-no.

But FIVE, speak softly! That lout, Yu Klown,
Spilled the bird's-nest soup on the bride's new gown.

Then all cried, "TWO!" for such rage and woe
Had never been dreamed of in I-do-no.

They drove out the ONE with their sharp chopsticks;
Their hisses sounded like one great SIX.
The years may come, the years may go,
But Yu Klown comes never to I-do-no.

M. C. S.

THE DESSERT

The Thanksgiving Dinner proved a genuine feast, and about 250 of the host of readers from Maine to California who enjoyed it have given a report. The lists of names forwarded prove to be exceptionally good, not less than ten per cent. being found to be quite complete and correct. Only one of the complete lists could receive a prize, and all points of careful preparation have been considered in deciding which should be the successful one. The competitor at last selected is Clara L. King, North Easton, Mass. Her work is accurate and complete, and the names in full are so clearly written that he who runs may read.

Lack of space prevents giving the names of other solvers of 68, but solutions of 67 are acknowledged from: C. D. T., Portland, Me.; Mrs. A. M. D., Mattapoisett, Mass.; Maud M. Munger, Woodstock, Vt.; Margaret Arnold, Scottsville, N. Y.; Mrs. C. M. Tuttle, Wallingford, Ct.; H. L. Knight, Cambridge, Mass.

The 15th name in the answer to 68 should have been printed "Daly."

ANSWERS

69. Apron (ape-earn, or urn).
70. "Puff"-ball.
71. Brown, row, O.
72. Limbo (limb-beau).
73. Trained nurse.
74. Shoe (shoo).
75. Penetrate (penny-trait).
76. Know, no.

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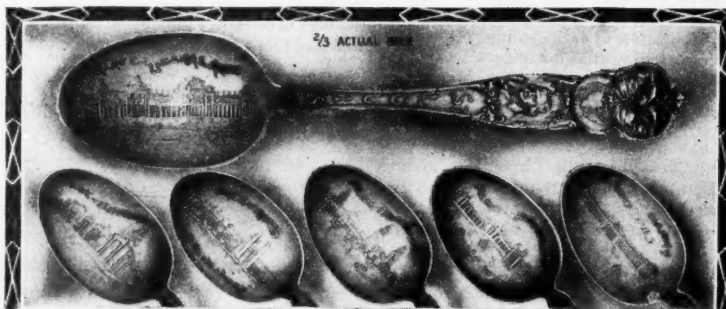


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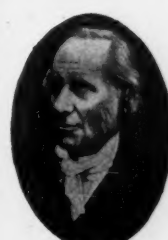
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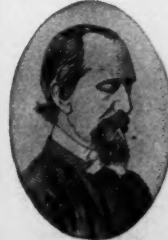
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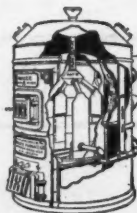
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